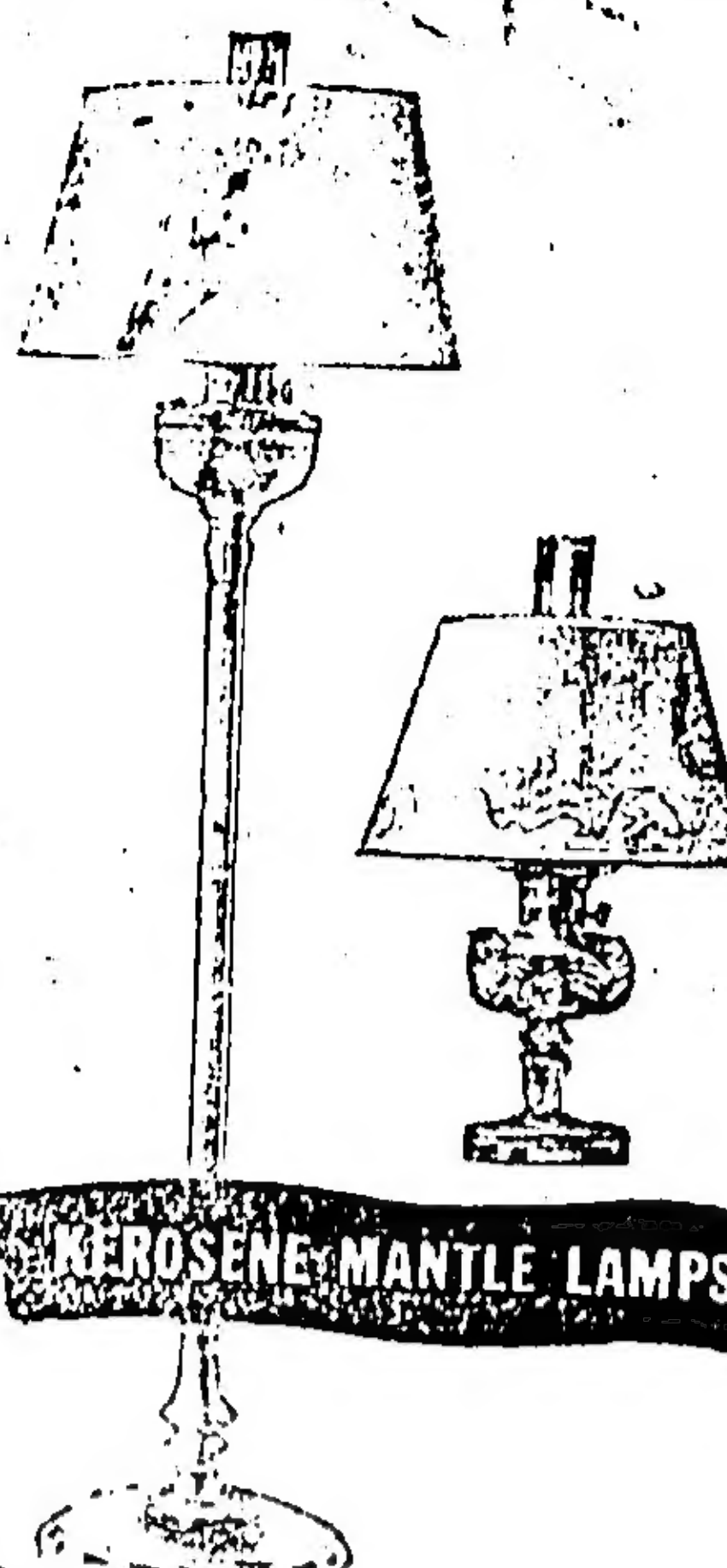


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READERS' LETTERS

Collaborators
Sir.—If the logical conclusion of your correspondent "Bull" is that those who are in ought to be out, and vice versa, I request his revelation of his real identity. Let us go together or separately to the Special Branch, War Crimes Investigation Team, or suspected Collaborators, if any, or War Criminal suspects in Stanley. Let us give our charges and face their charges if any. Let the proper authorities decide what course shall be taken.

The time is gone when someone and their colleagues could stand behind a counter, press a telephone button and then in the Kowloon house of horrors, went persons accused of possessing pro-allied transmitters. The Americans are arming the Mikado's men again.

I apologise to have to offend many bigwigs of yesterday, today and tomorrow. All I ask a pardon because I am still bitter for "the credit I don't deserve," given me by my Kowloon torturers and their infamers.

DENIS VICTOR.

Ladies Softball

Sir.—My heart bleeds to see the Wildcats forfeit the game to the collar-dwelling Madcap Bees last Sunday when the latter refused to begin the game, claiming that the former only had seven or eight players. The Manager, however, finally agreed to give the Wildcats 40 minutes to get sufficient players, but before the time was up, walked away with all his girls. Five minutes before the time allowed, the Wildcats produced exactly nine players, but the Manager was nowhere to be seen!

I have seen many a game start 45 minutes late, and the Canadian girls have always played with less than nine players, but no one has ever kicked.

The Manager of the Bees was obviously thinking of the Madcap Aces when he made his claim, of which team he is also Manager. Do you see the connection? The Madcap Aces and the Wildcats have so far lost two games each, but with this timely penalty, the Madcap Aces will be one step ahead of the Wildcats (BUT only ONE step!).

"A BALL PLAYER"

Gas Supply

Sir.—May I occupy a little space in the columns of your esteemed journal to air, for the benefit of others as well as myself, a grievance against a Public Utility Company? I refer to the gas supply in this Colony. Complaints are heard, on all sides, concerning the miserable quality and/or pressure of gas the moment one has to do any cooking or hot water is needed for baths. Last night at 7 o'clock there was only sufficient gas at my geyser to heat the merest trickle of water, and the consequence was that I was unable to take even a warm bath.

In my business if we don't "deliver the goods" customers refuse to pay—and I don't blame them—with the Gas Co. it is different, we have to pay whether we are satisfied or not, and if we don't pay for the little we do get, our supply is cut off entirely.

KOWLOONITE.

HOTEL DIVIDEND

The Directors of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, announce that, subject to audit, they will recommend at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on the 31st March next, the payment of a dividend of \$1.00 per share and a bonus of \$2.00 per share, both free of tax, from the balance at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account at the 31st December, 1947.

FANCY THAT!

Absent-minded Chan Chi, 30-year-old Chinese male, reported to the Police last night that he left CNY\$10,160,000.00 on the counter of a shop in Queen's Road Central and that when he returned two minutes later, the money was missing.

Reminders

Today
Kowloon Cricket Club Subscription Dance, 9 p.m.
Chinese New Year Fair open at Southern Playground, Wanchai, and Waterloo and Prince Edward Roads in Kowloon.
International Football Cup: China v. Ireland at Navy ground, 3.30 p.m.
H.K. Referees Association v. The Press.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
The H Club, Recorded Music, Talbot House, 80, MacDonnell.

Monthly Charges To Be Gazetted

An official statement issued yesterday says that there seems to be considerable misinformation regarding the new method of collecting school fees. There is also some apprehension as to its effect on fees themselves.

The regulations stipulate that school fees cannot be changed without the approval of the Director of Education. There is no intention of relaxing this regulation.

For some time now, the Department has been collecting information as to the inclusive monthly fee to be charged in schools. This information will be published in the Government Gazette at the earliest possible moment. For the information of parents and guardians, the inclusive monthly fee represents the entire liability for education on a monthly basis and includes all subscriptions, extras, "long tail" and other fees which were charged from time to time in the past. No matter what demand may be made the parent or guardian is not liable for any fee in excess of the inclusive monthly fee as published in the Government Gazette. Nor need he pay until such fee is published.

The collection of inclusive monthly school fees by the month instead of half-yearly has been introduced in order to alleviate the financial burden of the parents and guardians who have several children attending school. The payment of \$400 to \$600 as a half-yearly fee in the case of a man with four or five children is in many cases much more than his monthly income. He is therefore obliged to rely on friends or in many cases to borrow. The collection of fees by the month should enable parents and guardians to avoid borrowing money.

October Level

Under the new regulations of the amended Education Ordinance the majority of schools have submitted fees which are as near those charged in October last year as is economically possible. Some have maintained the same rate; several schools have reduced their fees because they feel that such action will show their intention to provide education at the lowest possible figure; in no case will the fees of any school be increased by more than \$2 per month over and above the charges operating in October, 1947.

Where schools (and there are not many) have endeavoured to increase their fees beyond the amount stated above, they have been informed that unless they produce audited figures showing that such increases are necessary this will not be allowed. No objection to the new method of collecting fees has yet been received which the Department considers of real educational importance. They main grounds of objection so far put forward by a small minority of private schools have been on financial and other grounds and do not represent the views of the majority. In fact less than twelve schools have raised serious objections.

Interest Issue

Under the new arrangements the schools will be deprived of a small amount of interest which they might have obtained when fees were paid by the term and they also relieve parents or guardians of the necessity of paying interest on borrowed money. It was, therefore, thought that increases between 50 cents and \$1.00 per month might well be allowed, but the public may rest assured that many of the schools and most of the parents welcome the change in fee collection.

As in the case of Government schools, fees in all schools are calculated on a full year of twelve months. The running expenses of schools naturally continue during holidays. To cover this, and to prevent pupils from leaving or changing school during holidays, two months' fees are collected at certain times in Government schools. This practice has been extended to private schools so that fees will be collected in eight single monthly payments and two double monthly payments.

So far as the Education Department has been able to ascertain, there is no private school in the Colony which is yet charging more than three times the pre-war fees, except in cases where schools were formerly subsidised by private benevolent organisations which are no longer able to maintain their contributions. It is admitted that there are such schools where the fee was \$2 per month before the war and where now, owing to the inability of private donations to reinforce their expenditure, the fees have been raised to \$15 per month. Such schools, however, have not applied for Government subsidy.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that the new regulations are designed in the first place to maintain the standard of education in private schools and to relieve parents of the necessity of borrowing in order to pay for their children's education. Any attempt to use the new system for the purpose of a large increase in fees will not be tolerated.

DRIVER REMOVED BARRIER

Mr. K. K. Tong, of Richards and Company, was summoned yesterday for causing public mischief by removing a barrier placed for the safety of the public, and giving false information to the police.

A brief statement appeared for defendant and pleaded "guilty" to the charges.

The prosecuting inspector said that accused drove along Queen's Road West when the road was under repair. Barriers were placed and the road marked "Closed to Traffic."

He never defendant ignored the sign and took down the barrier. When he arrived at the end of the closed road he was confronted by another barrier where a policeman was present. He was requested to turn round and go back along the waterfront. Defendant refused to do so and continued on his journey. The policeman took his number and reported to the police.

When later he appeared at the traffic office, he denied the incident until he was asked if he knew the policeman. He then admitted the affair.

The representative said that the only excuse he could offer was that it was a week after the incident when he was questioned and he did not know whether he was the driver on that date.

On the first charge, he was fined \$200 and on the second \$100, with a warning that on a second offence, he would be sent to prison and not given the option of a fine.

E.U. Constable On Serious Charge

Committee proceedings against Richard Santos, a member of the Emergency Unit of the Hong Kong Police, who is facing charges of dangerous driving, driving a vehicle without permission, and with unlawfully causing the death of Wong Sau-king, a 13-year-old girl, were commenced before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The charges arose out of a motor accident at the bottom of Queen Victoria Street on Dec. 22, when a lorry crashed into the pillar of a verandah causing it to collapse, resulting in one death and several injuries.

S. I. Eggleston is for the prosecution and accused is represented by Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn.

Outlining the case, S. I. Eggleston said that about 2 p.m. on Dec. 22 accused took a heavy vehicle from the Central Police Compound without authority.

He was seen driving it in a dangerous manner in Hollywood Road, down Wyndham Street and to the House Street.

He turned into Queen's Road Central and turned down Pedder Street to Des Voeux Road Central. He turned into Queen Victoria Street and the vehicle hit the east-iron pillar of the verandah.

The pillar gave way and the verandah of three floors came down, covering the lorry which had mounted the pavement with debris.

A girl on the third floor verandah was brought down and killed. Defendant was injured and taken to hospital.

Evidence that the girl had died from suffocation was given by Dr. Gould, who also stated that her clothing was covered with dirt and bricks. It was possible that the girl was unconscious at the time of death.

Dr. B. L. Gosano testified that he treated accused at 3 p.m. on Dec. 22. He was excitable and slightly incoherent. His breath smelt slightly of alcohol. The pupils were dilated and reacted to light. The pulse was fast and he was slightly shocked.

H.K. Doctor To Testify

Dr. A. W. Dawson-Grove will give evidence at the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court on Monday, where 17 former Japanese Imperial Navy members go on trial for ill-treating 263 Australian and 237 Dutch POWs in Hainan Island between 1942 and 1945 and causing the death of 81 Australians and 70 Dutchmen.

The court, composed of Lt.-Col. H. G. Quinn (President), Lt.-Col. T. Brock (Judge Advocate) with Major N. McCleod and Lieut. R. Carter as members, adjourned yesterday's session after affidavits were read.

Dr. Dawson-Grove, of Hong Kong Medical Department, will give evidence on technical medical matters, concerning tropical diseases.

Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Division, SCAP (Tokyo), of Melbourne, is prosecuting, with Major A. Mackay, of the same division, assisting. It was learned that Major Mackay has been indisposed since Wednesday, but he is improving.

K.C.C. DANCE

A dance for members and friends will be given at the Kowloon Cricket Club tonight, commencing at 9 p.m. An \$8-per-head Subscription Dance will be held on Chinese New Year's Eve (Feb. 9), commencing at 9 p.m. and terminating at 2 a.m. Buffet supper will be served. Bookings for this dance, open to members and their friends, may be made at the Club Bar.

\$50,000 Fine In Dairy Case

Fines, totalling \$50,000, were imposed at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), on The Kowloon Dairy Limited and Henry Ahwee alias Henry Chan, on their pleading guilty to five counts of selling goods in excess of controlled prices between Oct. 1946 and Mar. 1947.

The motion by Mr. M. A. da Silva, who appeared for both accused, that the indictment be quashed on the grounds of irregularities in procedural requirements was refused by Mr. Justice Gould.

In view of this decision, Mr. Silva said that he would not raise the defence of autrefois acquit but would, on the instructions of the accused, plead guilty on all counts.

The jurors in waiting were then summoned and after being informed of the situation, discharged.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Inspectors Cochrane and Pitman of the S. T. & L. Department.

Addressing the Court before sentence, Mr. Lonsdale said that although the accused had been indicted on five counts only, the evidence covered many more transactions.

The goods which were sold at prices in excess of the ceiling price fixed by Government, were supplied to a charitable organisation, Chinese Waterways Transport (CNRTA), which ran a number of ships for the purpose of carrying relief cargo to China.

"A Grave Matter"

It was necessary for virtual transactions to take place between this organisation and the Kowloon Dairy Limited.

Obviously, the goods were purchased by the Chinese Waterways Transport from the Kowloon Dairy Limited.

These goods were purchased at very high prices. For example, butter was purchased at the phenomenal figure of \$10 per pound.

The transactions covered a period roughly from Oct. 1946 till Mar. 1947, and amounted to some \$200,000.

In the beginning, prices were not so high, but they were increased at a later stage.

Mr. Lonsdale then referred to the method which was adopted in regard to the procuring and delivery of goods and mentioned that out of the profits, ten per cent went to the Kowloon Dairy Ltd., and 25 per cent to the profit account of Choy and Ahwee.

The overcharge aggregated \$18,000.

It was considered by the Crown that it was a grave matter, as advantage was taken of a charitable organisation at a time when rehabilitation of this Colony and of the Far East in general was so necessary.

Mr. Lonsdale mentioned that there was a sum of \$80,000 outstanding from Chinese Waterways Transport to the Kowloon Dairy Ltd., but there was, perhaps, no chance that the Kowloon Dairy Ltd. would ever be able to establish any claim to such monies in law.

"Down The Drain"

Mr. Silva then addressed the Court and emphasised that the Kowloon Dairy Ltd. was almost certain to lose the very large sum of \$80,000, which had "gone down the drain."

He mentioned that Ahwee had been in business in Hong Kong for many years and the disgrace of this prosecution had weighed very heavily on his mind.

The anxiety extending over a period of many months had caused a great strain and he had found it necessary to undergo medical treatment as a result of worries.

Imposing a fine of \$5,000 on each of the accused on each charge, Mr. Justice Gould said that this was one of the most serious offences of its kind that it had been possible to meet.

The offences were committed against an organization supported by funds raised by

Thieving From Govt Stores

"There has been a lot of petty thieving at the Government stores and we would like defendant to be made an example to other Government Stores employees, despite his large family." Insp. H. Brownrigg told Mr. J. G. Conklin at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Fung Kuen, coolie, appeared on a charge of larceny by servant.

Defendant was found leaving the store with two yards of woollen material wrapped around his body underneath a bundle dress.

Fung pleaded that he took the cloth for his three children as they were shivering from the cold weather.

Mr. Conklin sentenced him to four months' hard labour. Insp. Brownrigg presented.

Personalia

Among passengers who left by Cathay Pacific Airways plane yesterday were—

Chung But Sau, Mrs. Lee Lin Hoo, Yai Kim Liang, Tan Yuen Hsiong, Lo Lapp Yu, Sun Shao Hwa, Beh Yin Puh, Miss Ip Lee Kok, O. L. Jang, Eddo, Jim Yang Fan, for Bangkok and Chau Chi Kong, C. G. Skinner, Tan Seng Ling, N. E. Loewen, Yuen Gai, Chin Lee Fun, J. Lewis, Mrs. Ng Sinh Hwang and E. F. Johnson for Singapore.

Britain's outgoing Special Commissioner in South East Asia, Lord Killearn, accompanied by Lady Killearn, arrived in Hong Kong by air at 12.30 p.m. yesterday on their way from Japan in Singapore. Lord and Lady Killearn went straight from Kai Tak to Government House where they will stay until they leave the Colony on Monday.

Passengers who departed from Hong Kong yesterday by Pan American Clipper "Ocean Rover", included Mr. William R. Davies, Mrs. Eleanor Fong, Mr. Robert Fong, Mr. Matthew Pollock for Shanghai and Mr. Munny Lee for Honolulu.

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FERRY DRAMA RELATED IN COURT CASE

Charged with attempting to drown his common-law wife with intent to murder her, Ngan Muk-keung, odd job coolie at the Kowloon Godowns, appeared before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

He was committed for trial. Inspector Franklin, prosecuting, told the Court that Ngan and Ma Kwai-mul lived at No. 16, Halphong Road as man and wife. On November 20, Ma visited a female neighbour to help her make flour balls. When she returned that evening, Ngan scolded and assaulted her, pushing her out of the house. With the aid of police, she managed to get inside again, but from that time onwards, Ngan did not support her.

On January 5, Ma went to the SCA to ask for a separation on the grounds of cruelty and non-maintenance. She was told to return on January 7. Defendant on both occasions followed her to the SCA. On January 7, at the SCA, Ngan was alleged to have said: "You need not leave me. If you do I'll stab you." A European official questioned them on their matrimonial relationship and when it was found that they were not legally married, he gave a separation order.

Outside the SCA, Ngan is alleged to have threatened Ma again, saying: "Don't live in the same street if you leave me. If you do, I'll kill you."

Ma alleged that defendant followed her round town, and she walked for about one hour trying to get rid of him. Finally she boarded the "Man Young" at the Yau-mai Vehicular Pier, but defendant boarded it too.

Around the launch, Ma, alleged, Ngan asked her for a "cup of milk" as a parting gesture. He asked her again to stay with him, which she refused. He got angry and hit her on the left shoulder. She retaliated and Ngan grabbed her knee, trying to throw her overboard. Ma

Regimentation Of Ricksha Coolies

An attempt to improve the outward appearance of the Colony's 1,000 odd ricksha pullers will be made shortly. The "China Mail" learned reliably last night. With ricksha owners' cooperation, each puller will be provided with two suits and a straw hat of uniform colour and cut. The puller's licence number will be fixed to a sleeve of the suit. The innovation embraces the puller's style of haircut. To qualify for the free suits and straw hats the pullers will have to agree to a universal military-style crop.

Million-Dollar Bail Case: Review By Court

A review of the amount of bail of \$1,000,000 in the case of Hsu Chik-chung alias Chu Kai-chong, formerly of the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank at Shanghai, against whom extradition proceedings are being commenced, was heard by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

At the commencement, Mr. d'Almada said that he had received a letter from Mr. Sin yesterday and had ordered the suspension of the bail.

Mr. Silva queried the right of Mr. P. Sin and Mr. Clifford to appear for the prosecution. At the last hearing, he said, he thought that Mr. Sin had the authority to appear for the Prosecution and he asked why Mr. Clifford should appear now.

Mr. Silva thought that when the Crown, through Mr. Clifford, appeared, Mr. Sin should disappear, and that would be the end of the matter.

He asked the reason for the dual representation.

In reply, Mr. Sin said that he was representing the Chinese Government, and Mr. Clifford, the Crown. The Treaty of Tientsin provided for extradition and provisions were made for the mutual extradition of fugitives.

There were certain liabilities in the countries, and in the interests of the Crown, Mr. Clifford was appearing.

On Mr. d'Almada saying that the position was not clearer, Mr.

Motorcar Parts Racket

A case which is of interest to motorists who have lost parts came before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Leung Kin of No. 884 Canton Road, appeared in Court charged with keeping an unlicensed possession marine goods. Convicted on both counts, Leung was sentenced to three months' hard labour. The goods were confiscated.

DSI Roberts remarked that these would be "distributed as far as possible to the losers."

DSI Roberts told the Court a raid was carried out on defendant's premises where they found seven headlights, 68 hub caps, one indicator, four headlight glasses, and six metal rims. These, defendant said, were sold to him by a marine hawker. Eighty per cent of the goods found at No. 884 Canton Road were motor car parts.

Leung said he went round the streets finding such goods at secondhand stores.

In connection with the case were two charges of simple larceny against Wong Yiu-lam.

Wong, who was sentenced to one year's hard labour, and to be deported, stole one headlight at Tong Mei Road on January 25 and two lamps in Boundary Street. He was seen loitering around car No. 2964 at Tong Mei Road at 8.30 a.m. and when chased by a witness threw away the lamp.

Wong, who admitted taking goods on five occasions to Leung Kin's store, pleaded guilty to both counts.

DSI Roberts said that Wong identified two rims which he had taken to the store. Wong had a previous conviction.

Varsity Council

It is announced that the Council of the University of Hong Kong has now been constituted afresh, and that its composition is as follows:

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The Colonial Secretary—The Hon. D.M. MacDougall, C.M.G.

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The Dean of the Faculty of Arts—Professor R.K.M. Simpson, C.C.

The Dean of the Faculty of Science—Professor D.F. Davies.

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CHANCELLOR

The Hon. Chau Tsun-nin, C.B.E.

The Hon. C.G.S. Follows, C.M.G.

The Hon. Lo Man-kam, C.B.E.

The Hon. Arthur Morse, C.B.E.

Dr. the Hon. Isaac Newton.

Mr. C.C. Roberts.

Professor R. Robertson.

Mr. W.N. Thomas Tam.

The Hon. R.R. Todd.

No appointment to the post of Treasurer of the University has yet been made.

ACID THROWING

An unknown Chinese male threw some acid on five-year-old Yip Fook-wah in Queen's Road Central at 2.40 p.m. yesterday, causing injuries to Yip's left hand.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

H.K.T.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.30 p.m.—U.B.C. Transcription Service: "Grand Hotel" Albert Bandier & His Orchestre, with Robert Irwin to sing.

1.02 p.m.—Tangos and Rumbas.

1.15 p.m.—News, weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—STUDIO: Terry Lucido and His Quintet.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—U.B.C. Transcription Service: "Much Blowing in the March."

6.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Allen Jones (Tenor).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—STUDIO: "Unit Requests" Linda Carter Calling 25th Field.

8.15 p.m.—STUDIO: "See Tee" Soccer Commentary China V Ireland.

8.25 p.m.—Interlude.

8.35 p.m.—London Philharmonic Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.11 p.m.—A Programme of Strings.

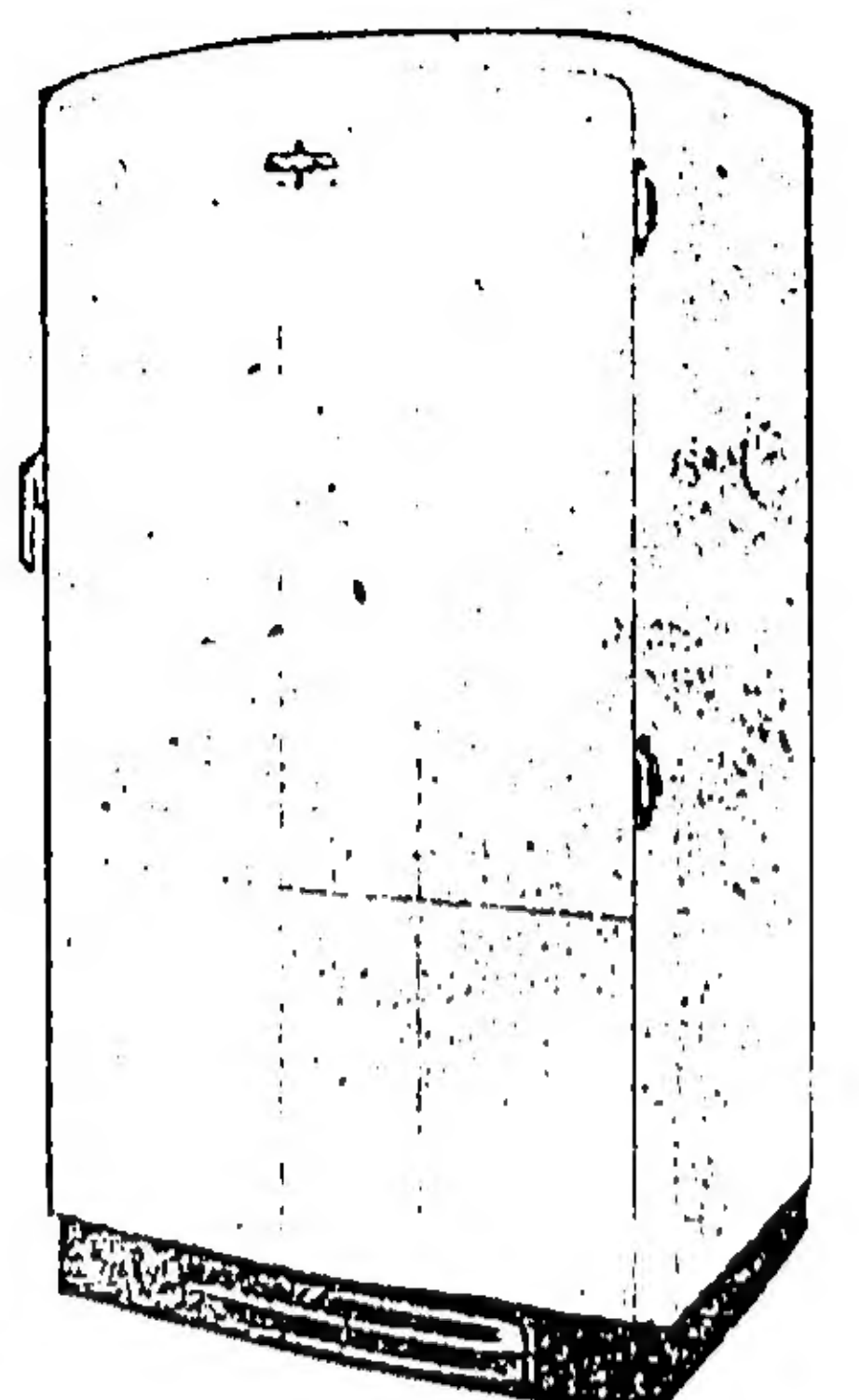
9.30 p.m.—U.B.C. Transcription Service: "Paul Temple & the Gregory Affair" by Francis Durbridge, Episode 6 "Conquering Mr. Cole".

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News.

10.15 p.m.—"Cats" and Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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Fatshan Hospital Appeal For Help

For more than 70 years medical work has been carried on at Fatshan Hospital, about 12 miles from Canton, the only English Hospital in the Canton area.

About twenty five years ago Dr. Webb Anderson, the superintendent of the hospital, made an appeal to the Hong Kong business community for funds for the building of a new ward, when the generous response enabled a new block of buildings, called the "Hong Kong Ward" to be constructed. This ward is still in good condition and will serve the hospital for many years to come.

The main part of the hospital grew bit by bit as the work developed, and the buildings are now old and crumbling; the beams are rotten; they are beyond repair; and must now be rebuilt. To enable this to be done an appeal for financial support is to be made.

The Fatshan hospital has 150 beds, and forty private rooms, with an operating theatre, a clinical laboratory and a special diet kitchen. It is meeting some of the needs of a wide area and patients come from many districts. In-patients vary between 2,500 to 3,000 persons per year, while about 10,000 new cases of out-patients are dealt with annually. During the year 1946

LOCAL DIVORCE

A decree nisi, granted on Oct. 25, 1947, to Mr. Nicolai Ivanovich Kouznetzoff of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., who sued for a dissolution of his marriage to Mrs. Tatiana Vasilievna Kouznetzoff, was made absolute yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice). Mr. H. J. Armstrong of Messrs. Deacons appeared for Mr. Kouznetzoff.

LUCKY MAN

"He is lucky to be here this morning," DSI Sykes told Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday when Wong Beng-wan appeared at Kowloon Magistracy charged with possessing a hand grenade unlawfully.

"I had my revolver in my hand. But for two Chinese detectives behind him I would have shot him when he suddenly grabbed his grenade as if to draw something out when confronted," DSI Sykes related.

Wong, pleading guilty, was sentenced to three years' hard labour. He was arrested in Hsi-Po-Suen on January 20.

Ricksha Man Taken For A Ride

Ricksha puller Chan Hon-wai was "taken for a ride" for about 10 hours—from 2.00 p.m. last Thursday to 12.15 a.m. yesterday.

The route taken was:—King's Theatre (Queen's Road Central), Causeway Bay, back to the Yau-mai Vehicular Ferry Pier, across the Harbour, from Jordan Ferry Pier to Melbourne Hotel and then to the Chung Ah Hotel, Nathan Road, near the Kowloon Magistracy.

And there, the woman, Mai Wal-chi, he had been crying all the while, refusing to pay the requested fare of \$10 plus the \$3 borrowed from the puller, for ferry fares.

The usual "modelling" ensued, which led both parties to the Police Station, where Mai was charged with evading payment of ricksha fare.

It was, however, settled at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Mr. Latimer ordered her to pay \$10 to the puller and bound her in \$100 for 12 months.

Asked whether she had any money to pay Chan then, defendant replied: "No!"

"What could you then obtain the money?" Mr. Latimer asked again.

"At home," she replied.

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NOTICE is hereby given that
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Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong,
on Friday, 20th February, 1948,
at 12 noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors, together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
period ended 31st October, 1947,
and to elect Directors and
appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Tuesday, 10th February, 1948,
to Friday, 20th February, 1948,
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Motorists wishing to join the Association may
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Committee or from the address above.

T. E. JACKSON.

ITO TRIAL NEARING END Jap Witnesses For Defence

Four wit-esses for the defence gave evidence be-
fore No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday trying
Lieut-General Ito Taken on war crime charges.

Ito, who commanded Infantry
units which landed in
Hong Kong on Dec. 19, 1941, is
answering charges of alleged
atrocities perpetrated by the
men under his command.
The first witness, Col. Mat-
sumoto Shoki, senior adjutant
to Ito and his chief lieutenant
during the attack on Hong Kong,
said there were two forces at-
tacking Hong Kong—the right
flank force of which Ito was the
commanding officer, and the left
flank force. Both forces were
under direct operational orders
of the 38th Divisional Com-
mander, and both operated in-
dependently.

The artillery units, said wit-
ness, were under the direct com-
mand of the 38th Divisional
Commander.
After detailing the various
units participating in the attack
and their designated areas of
operation, witness said in cer-
tain areas, such as Wongnei-
chung and Stanley Gap, units
of other commands also mingled
in the fighting.

Same Uniforms
The uniforms of all the
soldiers were the same, and even
the officers had their insignias
off, so that by just looking
at the soldiers one could not
distinguish their units.

Regarding the setting aside of
places for the concentration of
prisoners of war, witness said
an area at Wongnei-chung and
one at North Point were designat-
ed in Divisional Command
orders.

Asked if there was any order
issued by Ito to his men before
the attack on Hong Kong, wit-
ness said Ito addressed two of
his regimental commanders on
the importance of maintaining
discipline during the operation.

He said that the attack on Hong
Kong was the prelude to the
Greater East Asia War, and
therefore all the nations would
be watching it carefully. On the
island there were still a million
inhabitants and among them
some noted personalities, it was
therefore most important that
the men should strictly observe
the laws of warfare.

Secondly he ordered that all
fighting should be done on the
hillside; that street areas

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given
that the Ordinary Yearly Meet-
ing of Shareholders of The
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Registered Office of the Com-
pany (Second Floor, Exchange
Building, Des Voeux Road
Central, Hong Kong) on
WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of
March, 1948, at 12 Noon,
for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Board of
Directors, together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December, 1947,
confirming the appointment of
a Director, re-electing a Director
and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 16th February 1948, to the
3rd March, 1948, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
E. H. P. WHITE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong 30th Jan., 1948.

GUERRILLAS USE U-BOATS

Athens, Jan. 28.
The Greek Government claim-
ed tonight to have information
that the Greek guerrillas were
using one or two U-boats, be-
tween the Ionian and the Adria-
tic.

They were used not for war-
fare, but for communications
and supplies.

It was believed that the re-
cent escape of leading Commu-
nists from the island of Ikaria,
where they were deported, was
facilitated by submarines.—
Reuter.

area, were also under the direct
command of the Divisional Hdq.

The Prosecuting Officer point-
ed out that witness's evidence
was based on hearsay.

In the afternoon Col. Tosake
Susumi, a staff officer of the
38th Division, said units of the
Right Flank Force never enter-
ed the city. Those that entered
were artillery and gendarme
mopping up units.

Before the attack on the
island they had no information
as to the strength of the British
garrison, though they believed
it to be about 20,000.

Lt. General Hiseuchi Keishi-
chiro, a deputy staff officer of
the 23rd Japanese Army sta-
tioned in Canton, also gave
evidence.

Further hearing was adjourn-
ed to Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m.

Maniu Adherents Sentenced

Bucharest, Jan. 29.
A military tribunal here has announced its verdict
in the trial on charges of rebellion and armed
insurrection of 34 associates of Dr. Julius
Maniu — the 74-year-old Rumanian Peasant
Party leader sentenced to solitary confine-
ment for life at the end of last year.

MAHATMA GANDHI ASSASSINATED

(Continued from Page 1)

15 Fasts

Protesting British imperialism,
Gandhi also endured 15 fasts,
several times "unto the death."
The total time spent in these
fasts, which were always a source
of acute anxiety to India's British
rulers, was more than 130
days. After the British agreed to
the partitioning of India,
Gandhi earlier this month fasted
five days at Delhi to bring com-
munity peace between the new
countries of India and Pakistan,
with their Moslem and Hindu
peoples.

In his own words, Gandhi
"loved the English and hated
England."

For more than 40 years the
shrivelled, physically puny Hindu
had fought for a united free In-
dia. It came as one of his life's
biggest disappointments that
when India received Dominion
status on Aug. 15, 1947, it was
accompanied by partition.

In Seclusion

Gandhi was variously regard-
ed as a saint, a revolutionary and
reactionary, a patriot, a clever
and unscrupulous politician, a
saboteur and an appeaser of
Japan.

It was in 1920 that Gandhi in-
troduced the doctrine of "Passive
Resistance." For this, in
1922, the British sentenced him
to six years' imprisonment. He
served two years, being released
after an appendicitis operation.

From then until 1937 Gandhi
was a thorn in the British side.
Gandhi's did not deter him in
his crusade for Indian indepen-
dence, which gained in
strength with each privation he
underwent.

Frail health drove him into
seclusion late in 1937 when he
returned to a mud hut in the
village of Harijura, 200 miles
north of Bombay.

This mud hut became an in-
tellectual centre and Gandhi's
prayer meetings and discourses
were attended through the years
by thousands of Indians of prac-
tically all creeds.

His retirement from political
agitation did not, however, bring
with it any lessening of his zeal
for freedom and peace for India.

Even while the final negotia-
tions were being conducted for
Indian freedom, the Indian lead-
ers kept close touch with the
respected old man in the mud
hut at Harijura.

One of Gandhi's most faithful
disciples was Pandit Jawaharlal
Nehru, who became Premier of
India.

"Of Gandhi, Nehru once said:
"He has changed the face of In-
dia, given pride and character to
a cringing and demoralised peo-
ple, built up strength and con-
scientiousness in the masses and
made the Indian problem a world
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ciated Press and Reuter.



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London, Jan. 29.
Lawyers representing ex-King Um-
berto of Italy are expected here this
week to ask the British Government
to release £1,000,000 in Treasury
Bonds deposited in Britain before
the war by the late King Victor Em-
manuel, Umberto's father.

An Italian spokesman said a legal
battle over the terms of agreement
by which the Italian Government
undertook to restore Italian prop-
erty in Britain to their owners is
almost certain.

The Italian Government is under-
stood to have claimed the property
belonging to the ex-King as well as
that of all other Italian nationals—
a total value of £8,000,000.
Ex-King Victor is said to have
held other investments in other coun-
tries. In Argentina he is said to have
had about £100,000.—Reuter.

LEGACIES TO U.S.

London, Jan. 29.
Two American women have
inherited part of £17,256 left in
England by Mr. Arthur Loeb, a
Swiss merchant from Aargau
who died in November 1946.

He left an annuity of \$150 to
Miss Clara Jacoby of Los
Angeles, and an annuity of 15-
000 Swiss francs or a lump sum
of £150,000 Swiss francs to Mrs.
Margaret Weiler of New York
at the discretion of his children.
—Reuter.

U.S. MEAT RATIONS?

Washington, Jan. 29.
President Truman said today
that the Administration was
considering the rationing of
meat to overcome a "very
acute" situation, adding that
Congress had yet to take action
on his request for price control.
—Reuter.

Cancer Cure Possible ?!

Sydney, Jan. 29.

A wealthy Sydney philan-
thropist today offered £20,000
for the establishment of a can-
cer clinic by Mr. John Braund,
the non-medical whose contro-
versial claims to cure cancer by
removing the growths were de-
monstrated here yesterday.

Watched by doctors, nurses
and journalists, Mr. Braund re-
moved a growth from a woman
diagnosed as suffering from
cancer of the ovaries. After-
wards a cancer specialist declar-
ed the wound was "perfectly
clean."

The philanthropist is Mr. E.
J. Hallstrom, son of a Londoner
and President of the Royal
Zoological Society of New South
Wales. He said that thousands
of cancer patients could not
wait many months before Mr.
Braund's treatment was recog-
nised.—Reuter.

BOLIVIAN PLOT

La Paz, Bolivia, Jan. 30.
The Bolivian Government an-
nounced today that 27 persons
have been deported to Brazil in
the wake of a reported revo-
lutionary plot. The country
is under martial law.

Among documents found by the
police was one giving a tenta-
tive rebel Cabinet list. It was
said to have been headed by
General Felix Tavera as Presi-
dent. Tavera, a presidential
candidate in 1946, is being
sought by the police.—Asso-
ciated Press.

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ALL OR NOTHING BASIS President Truman's Marshall Plan Demand "Pouring Money Down Rat-Holes"

Washington, Jan. 28.
President Truman today aligned himself beside his Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) in demanding that Congress undertake Mr. Marshall's European Recovery Programme on an all or nothing basis.

The President said Congress would be pouring American money down rat-holes if it approved anything less than he requested, including four-and-a-quarter-year aid commitment and a US\$6,800,000,000 appropriation to carry the programme through the first 15 months, beginning April 1.

To reduce that initial spending he called it an absolutely essential figure would be to change the aid plan from a recovery programme to an ineffective relief project, he told a press conference.

The President's voice shook angrily as he faced newsmen and stated emphatically the same old or nothing demand which Mr. Marshall had put to Congress earlier this month at the opening of the legislation hearings on the aid plan.

Like Mr. Marshall, Mr. Truman said world peace was at stake. He said a continuing 51-month programme, which would cost an estimated US\$17,000,000,000, must be adopted in entirety to assure the recovery of Western Europe.

Good Risk

Spending lavishly and with unusual gravity, President Truman said the US\$6,800,000,000 appropriation he had asked Congress to vote was absolutely necessary to start the tools and materials of recovery flowing

to the 16 Marshall Plan nations. He repeatedly told reporters that an overall programme was essential to world peace. He said it seemed a good risk and same expenditure to put out US\$17,000,000,000 that length of time to win peace.

President Truman recalled particularly, in the light of fact, this country's wartime preparation for the 1946 fiscal year of US\$103,000,000,000. He scoffed at the idea, advanced by Republican critics, that this Congress could not commit future Congresses by authorizing a full four-and-a-quarter-year programme.

President Truman's stand came on the heels of an unexpected statement from the International Bank estimating that his spending proposals, far from being extravagant, appeared to be more than US\$1,800,000,000 too low.—United Press.

I.Q. In Arizona?

Tempe, Arizona, Jan. 28.
A poll of Arizona State College freshmen showed that less than seven per cent were familiar with the Truman Doctrine, only 22 per cent knew about the Marshall plan and 20 per cent had not heard of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.—United Press.

World Bank Estimate Surprise

Washington, Jan. 28.
The World Bank's President, Mr. John McCloy, said today his organization believed the Truman administration had underestimated Europe's needs for the first 15 months of the Marshall Plan by about \$1,000 million dollars.

"Far from being extravagant, the administration estimate of \$6,800 million dollars is rather a tight fit," Mr. McCloy declared in a letter to Senator Arthur Vandenberg, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. McCloy's argument was made on the heels of continued insistence by Mr. Marshall that the \$6,800 million dollars figure be kept intact. Supporters of the plan in Congress are reliably reported to be preparing to top about \$1,000 million dollars from this figure in order to appease opponents of the measure who want even heavier cuts made.—Reuter.

Two Acton Murders Of Women

London, Jan. 29.
Scotland Yard is investigating the death mysteries of two women who met their deaths during Tuesday night in the Acton area at spots about four miles apart.

The women were: Miss Sylvia Styles, 26, found strangled in a lane leading to the Duke of Northumberland's estate at Syon Park, Isleworth, Middlesex; and Miss Frances Mannix, 27, whose body was recovered from the Grand Union Canal at Harlesden after a search had been heard.

If the second case is a crime, it, like the first, appears to be motiveless.

The investigators are not over-estimating the possibility that they were the work of a man affected by moon madness. It was a full moon on Monday.

Although nothing has yet been discovered which links the two occurrences, detectives have not ruled out this possibility.—Reuter.

GERMANS TO PARTICIPATE

Hamburg, Jan. 29.
Representatives of the German Social-Democratic Party will attend the Congress of the "Marshall Plan countries" Socialist parties to be held in London on March 21, the German news service in the British Zone reported today.—Reuter.

St. Moritz, Jan. 29.
Jean Blanc, of France, one of the finest skiers in the Winter Olympic and regarded as a possible winner of an Olympic Gold Medal in the Alpine events, broke his leg while training today.—Reuter.

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Loretta Declines To Retract

Hollywood, Jan. 29.
The head of the British Tourist Board, Sir Alexander Maxwell, asked actress Loretta Young today to take back what she said about starvation conditions in England, but the actress refused.

Sir Alexander demanded a chance to investigate the remarks, and said that they might hurt the tourist business.

Miss Young said: "I cannot retract a truthful recitation of such incidents told me by the English people. Certainly, the estimable Sir Alexander does not need any authority from me to make an investigation. I cannot believe that tourists who

can afford to make a trip will be restrained by my words." Miss Young, returning from England, said the situation was "sobering, heart-breaking and desperate." She told of a business executive whose shoes were patched with cardboard, of a child who asked "Do I lick or bite" when offered a piece of chocolate, of a ship reporter who wore a beard because of no razor blades and factory workers fainting from hunger.

Sir Alexander said the reports were untrue. Miss Young said she would be glad if they were not true, but could not disbelieve the people who told her. She said: "That England is on an austerity programme is a secret, but not until I reached England to take part in a command performance for the Cinematograph Benevolent Fund did I realise what that programme meant."

"I came from England with an inspiring admiration for its people and the manner in which they have carried on postwar progress despite hardships natural to a country which bore so much in so long a war. My heart beat high with admiration."—United Press.

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SCOTT.—At Queen Mary Hospital, on 30th January, 1948, to Lily, wife of J. F. Scott, a son.

POLICY IN GERMANY

The London meeting of the Conference of Foreign Ministers broke down because the occupying Powers could not agree on a policy for Germany. In theory, Germany has been governed for the past thirty months on the terms settled at Potsdam. In practice she has been governed on as much of those terms as Russia cared to carry out. Russia's policy has been to keep her own zone as separate as possible from those of the Western Powers, and to make it as difficult as possible for the latter to be governed satisfactorily.

The resulting conditions in Western Germany cannot be endured indefinitely. They entail heavy expense on Great Britain and the United States and much suffering on the Western Germans. But it is clear that we shall never be allowed to put things right with Russia's consent, and the question has long been how much longer we are to wait before putting them right without it.

A year ago the Moscow meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Conference, then impending, was thought to be the limiting date: if Russia still remained obdurate, the Western Powers must act for themselves. She did so remain: yet instead of acting Mr. Bevin decided, wisely or unwisely, to exercise once more his famous patience, to give the Russians his one more chance, and to postpone any fundamental change till after one more meeting of the Conference—which was fixed to take place in London in November.

And so the year went uselessly by, till near its end the Foreign Ministers met again and Russia belatedly just as obstructively as ever. And when they once more broke up it seemed as if the time had come at last for the Western Powers to do something about it.

The Frankfurt Plan

Yet what has since happened shows them still very loath to act. It was not till January 7 that they did anything significant. Then the British and American Military Governors, General Robertson and General Clay, held a conference at Frankfurt with the leading Germans from the parliaments of the *Länder*, or provinces, and put before them a set of five proposals, which with certain modifications the Germans next day accepted. These proposals do not in form do anything to break up the Potsdam unity of Germany. They do set up either a Parliament or a Government for the Western zones. Their scope is deliberately kept within narrower limits, though not so narrow as to prevent some of the things needful from being done.

The only directly elected Parliaments in Bizonia (as the fused British and American zones are nicknamed) are those of the provinces. They were formed early last year; a Provincial Government is based on each; and they do not conflict with Potsdam. Later last year there was formed a central body for the zones—not an elective body, however, but composed of persons nominated by the State Parliaments, and not a Parliament, but an Economic Council. As such, it also does not conflict with Potsdam, and so gives Russia no ground for foreing a breach. But its drawback was that it could not in form be more than an advisory body, and must look to other bodies—i.e., either the Provincial Governments or Military Government—to implement its decisions.

Nevertheless it is round this nominated and advisory body that

LET'S TAKE OUR HATS OFF TO BRITAIN

By Margaret Bradbury

Britain today is giving the world a unique example of how a proud nation, bed by the costs of a colossal war and a tremendous postwar debt, can still keep cheerful countenance, and its own home fires well burning. Despite the descriptions which subscribers of British and American newspapers read overseas, comparing conditions at home with those of our more fortunate Allies, the country and the people are far from depressed with their own lot.

Comparisons of that kind are in any case not usually fair and at the moment they are just unnecessary to the people at home. The old cliché phrase "things are not like they used to be" is seldom heard in England now except perhaps in the Conservative Clubs and the music halls. Living in the United Kingdom in 1948 is by no means a smooth, easy existence, or for that matter at all "like used to be." Restrictions and shortages of most things which make life worth living are trying and tedious to the people, but there is a common feeling prevalent throughout Britain that everyone is pulling weight together in a rehabilitation effort which will see them sink or swim—and they have no intention of sinking.

After seven and a half years of rationing, bombings and war effort, the British at home are as confident of their victory in the peace as they were in the year. The determination not to be beaten is just as solid now as it was in 1940 and the darkest times of the European war.

Returning to England from abroad rather gives one the impression of entering into a personal project, in which the people feel about their present efforts and future. And it is no use offering them sympathy for the hardships they are undergoing (except in the form of food parcels and having British exports). They are sick and tired of people from other nations who arrive in the country and tell them what they have not got, and how they should go about getting it. Britain has always been a haven for foreigners of most nations who could not find success in their own backyard, for political refugees and enterprising business men, and she still is today, although those people too are finding it a little tougher in the old country and must pull their weight, or return to their own lands.

Britain's present Government is supplying with right fairness the best stocks of food and commodities which it can obtain from all sources, and its even distribution, although pitifully small, is to a certain extent responsible for the present backing of the political opposition newspaper columnists who still warble about the days when they could walk into any food store in England and buy a

the new Frankfurt programme revolves. Its membership is to be enlarged from fifty-two to 100, and in addition an Upper House is to be formed of two members from each province, nominated by the Provincial Governments, the relations between the two Chambers being not very unlike those of the two Houses of the American Congress. Further, there is to be an Executive, of which the chairman will be chosen by the Council and the other members chosen by the Military Government to settle any constitutional differences; and a State Union bank, to be controlled by Military Government but owned by the State banks. Some such central bank would be indispensable for currency reform, and currency reform is perhaps the most needed of all reforms in Germany, indeed the condition of effectiveness for most others. General Clay, however, indicated that the bank will not issue any currency till a further attempt has been made in the Control Council to obtain Russia's assent to currency reform.

The scheme may at first sight seem over-cautious. It is rendered difficult for Russian objections to it, and difficult for Germans taking part in it to be plausibly accused of disrupting the Fatherland. But the price paid is high—the absence of direct election and of the full responsibility which only direct election can give. And yet it may be that at this stage a body nominated by the Provincial Parliaments is likely to have a better personnel than one directly elected; and, as for power, the powers of any body in Germany at present are what Military Government makes them. Thus the element of elasticity and experiment is not all to the bad. The general effect will be to give Germans in the West much fuller self-government than they have had anywhere hitherto.

For, as every British person who lived in England between the two wars is aware, it was only a minority of the public who could then afford to buy a weekly joint of meat or luxuries in the way of food. In the industrial areas of Britain even up to the last war, unemployment was rampant and the free bread-and-soup queues were then taking the place of the present day early morning shopping lines and shortage queues. There is comparatively little unemployment at home today and wages have risen with the cost of living. When the heavy income tax levy has been deducted, salaries compared to prices are still higher than ever before in Britain. Luxuries of all kinds are subject to a 100 per cent surcharge tax, but the people are used to living without luxuries after such a long period of austerity. Wherever that is good or bad, their present attitude can be summed up like this: "We have done without sheer silk stockings, bananas, perfume and certain foods throughout the war, and it has not affected our health or views on living as a nation. We may in the future find it necessary to do shorter still, but it will not affect our morale."

The non-showing of many American films in Britain, and the non-purchase of many more, necessary because of England's present dollar shortage, has caused far less reaction at home than might have been expected. Millions of Britons spend one, two, or three nights a week in their cinemas, and the absence of American films has affected all classes of filmgoers. Yet such is the spirit prevailing in the country today and the supreme quality of the Englishman to laugh at his own misfortune, that their attitude has been expressed by a surprisingly small number of letters in the newspapers, cartoons, and in half-hearted discussions in the public hotels.

Our number one film production combine, the Rank organisation, is and is doing a great deal to maintain this attitude at home. Apart from supplying British cinemas with on the whole first class home-grown products, the Rank organisation is exporting them to America, Canada and other countries in exchange for dollars. Foreign film buyers are being

turkey, pheasant or leg of pork with a ration card or ration, are finding that memories of the last postwar period have lingered.

As Everybody Knows

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100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "Chicago Mail")

It appears that on Saturday two European prisoners—one named Newton, who it will be recollected, was sentenced to the very mild punishment of one year's imprisonment for the robbery of Rupees on board the brig "Gallant" while lying at Whampoa last year—the other a notorious miscreant named Steele, who, owing to some imperfection in the evidence, was sentenced only to 12 months' imprisonment for cutting and wounding a European seaman, named Matheson, with a dagger at midnight in Queen's Road—contrived, during the usual hour when prisoners are permitted to take exercise in the prison yard, to effect their escape over the western wall of the Victoria Jail.

This they did by placing a piece of wood from an outhouse against the prison wall, the span in that part being not more than six feet—gaining thereby the coping of the wall and dropping down from the outside, a fall of some 18 or 20 feet. We understand that the thing was effected with extraordinary dexterity, the regular gaol guard being on duty as usual, and while the turkey was patrolling round the yard.

Steele, formerly kept a Public house in Queen's Road, and was consequently well known to many of the Constables in the Police force. Several were put on his trail, and Police Constables Wilson, Mathews and Doudney, having a knowledge of his previous haunts succeeded in capturing both parties in a house of bad fame in Tai-ping-shan—the characters of the men may be imagined when it is mentioned that both of them were intoxicated when recaptured. They were speedily removed to their old quarters and placed in irons.

Steele's conduct when being ironed became most violent—proceeding to the extent of pummeling the Sheriff, whose life he said he would sacrifice for half a crown. The first opportunity which was presented to him

entertained in British film production studios on a scale never before experienced, and most of them are returning only after signing contracts for the British films which take their choice.

As we all know, export and more export is the policy of Britain today for they must export in huge quantities to live, but it is as well that British people overseas should know of the sacrifices being made by our own people at home to make this possible.

In Hong Kong, English cigarettes are plentiful and the most popular brand are priced at 80 cents (or 11d) for twenty. In England they are scarce and cost £2.70 or three shillings and fourpence for twenty—nearly four times as much. Foodstuffs of every variety can be obtained here easily, but at home they are strictly rationed and limited in range. Fruit, also rationed can be bought by the housewife in England only on certain days a month or every two months, and then in terms of small numbers. Household essentials like vacuum flasks, however, like crockery and aluminium are all in short supply and if they can be found are extremely expensive compared to prices in the Colony. Typewriters can only be bought on production of a permit from the Board of Trade, because they are mainly being manufactured for export while clothing is perhaps the most strictly rationed material of all outside food.

Here, the standby of the British workman's hours of relaxation now resembles Chinese tea in its strength and potency, compared even with two years ago when the standing joke in the country was that it tasted like lemonade.

Despite this situation which exists on a far wider and more detailed scale in England now than I have described, British people at home are not grumbling. They are making the best of a bad job and are biding the Nathaniel Gobbins who exists there outside the newspaper columns.

In the heart of London's "city" scientists have just completed the initial phase of the first archaeological research ever conducted with the aid of kilobiters.

London is the most populous city in the world and its "city" the square mile which was the original Roman settlement 2,000 years ago—is its most populous district.

It is also the area which took the worst of the Luftwaffe's bombing during the war. Today the great craters still pit its surface but tomorrow's bombs will cut and modern structures like so many teeth.

Before that day comes science is seizing perhaps its last opportunity of discovering what lies below the surface of the modern city. One bomb, for example, revealed a Roman villa. Another, buried up a section of the wall that ringed the city when its name was "Londinium."

Almost every day for months Dr. W. F. Grimes of the London Museum and Adrian Oswald, a pottery expert, led an unusual crew of excavators into a bomb site. Most of them were volunteers like the bank clerk who slipped into a boiler suit and dug for half of his lunch hour.

And around the rim of the excavation gathered daily the usual stenographers, brokers, truck drivers, messengers and idlers who are drawn by the sight of other people working the world over. But because of their vantage point on the street level these "sidewalk superintendents" have been of some use—possibly for the first time.

"Hey look over there," came a shout occasionally. Dr. Grimes looked and perhaps found a bit of old pottery or a coin bearing the imperious profile of a Roman Emperor.

The Great Fire Officially these have been the most extensive archaeological operations ever carried out in London. After hacking through the twisted steel wreckage of the 20th century Dr. Grimes uncovered buildings laid waste in the Great Fire of 1666 including Neville's Inn, a 14th century mansion.

The original medieval defences of the city have also been discovered with three bastions still solid and erect.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turpin



"Maybe you were better than that in history when you were a kid—there was only about half as much history then!"

America Beaten To The Punch?

By Larry Allen

Warsaw, Jan. 27. It may be called the "Eastern European Plan," but whatever it is the Poles say that they and their neighbour countries in Soviet Russia's orbit have beaten America to the punch.

Says the controlled Polish press: "American plans are still only words. We have passed from words to deeds."

Poland claims that while America and the 16 countries participating in the Marshall Plan are still talking about how much and when and where Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the Balkan nations and Russia have forged steadily ahead to sound industrial and economic recovery. Furthermore, there has been a constant integration of industries in the Eastern European countries. Poles and Czechs say a federation of states or a Customs union is not needed. They say they can accomplish all they desire by following a more or less unit pattern in their recovery efforts.

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, pouring US\$480,000,000 worth of industrial and equipment and other aid into Poland in 1948 and 1949 with shipments still coming, generally is credited with laying the foundation for Poland's recovery.

The Poles have gone on from there. They claim their currency is sound. They say every citizen issued brings one zloty's worth of production. They assert that inflation has been avoided through strict control of government expenditures and a gradual increase of banknotes in circulation as industrial recovery is speeded up. They say there is no unemployment here—that there is a job for every Pole.

The Poles also are erecting a high tension line between Lwow and Lower Silesia and the Soviet zone of occupation in Germany.

Poland is supplying the Czechs with vast quantities of coal. The Czechs are sending in vast quantities of machinery. The two countries have an agreement for the "closest economic and industrial collaboration" which seems to have extended to virtually every branch of industry—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

NAPOLEON'S GOOD IDEA

Napoleon Bonaparte was no sap. He used to say that military strategy was largely a matter of knowing what the other fellow was doing on his side of the hill while keeping him in the dark about what was happening on your side. If bridge had been a going concern in his day, he probably would have been a top contractor. His idea is surely the basis of a good deal of the best strategy in our game today. Carried to a high degree, his principle includes definitely misleading the opposition to make it believe something entirely different from the true facts.

S. Q 10 8 7
H. A 10 8
D. A 10 6 3
C. 3

S. J 6 5
H. 5 4 2
D. K Q
C. 10 9 8 7 5
(Dealer: West, East-West vulnerable.)

East led his heart 9, which drew the J from West and, after North had studied his problem, the A. North had noted that, if the opponents took out the dummy's trumps, six tricks would have to be lost—two in spades, two in hearts. East led the minor—unless the diamond J dropped on one of the first three rounds. That was some-

thing against which the percentages were heavy. If, however, one diamond could be ruffed, the contract was in the bag.

How could the defenders be kept from leading trumps? North bobbed up with the only answer. If he led trumps himself, they would be very unlikely to repeat the suit, feeling that thereby they would be doing just what he desired.

So, after winning the first trick, North went to dummy with the diamond Q and led the spade 6 to the Q, which lost to the K. East would not think of returning trumps. Instead he led the heart 6 to the Q. The K also won and West switched to the club K, then the Q, which North trumped. The diamond K won, club 10 was ruffed and diamond 10 ruffed by the J and West's A. "he heart 7 was trumped, spade 10 scored to clear trumps and finally the diamond A. North put over a swell score by leading trumps himself, instead of having the foe do it.

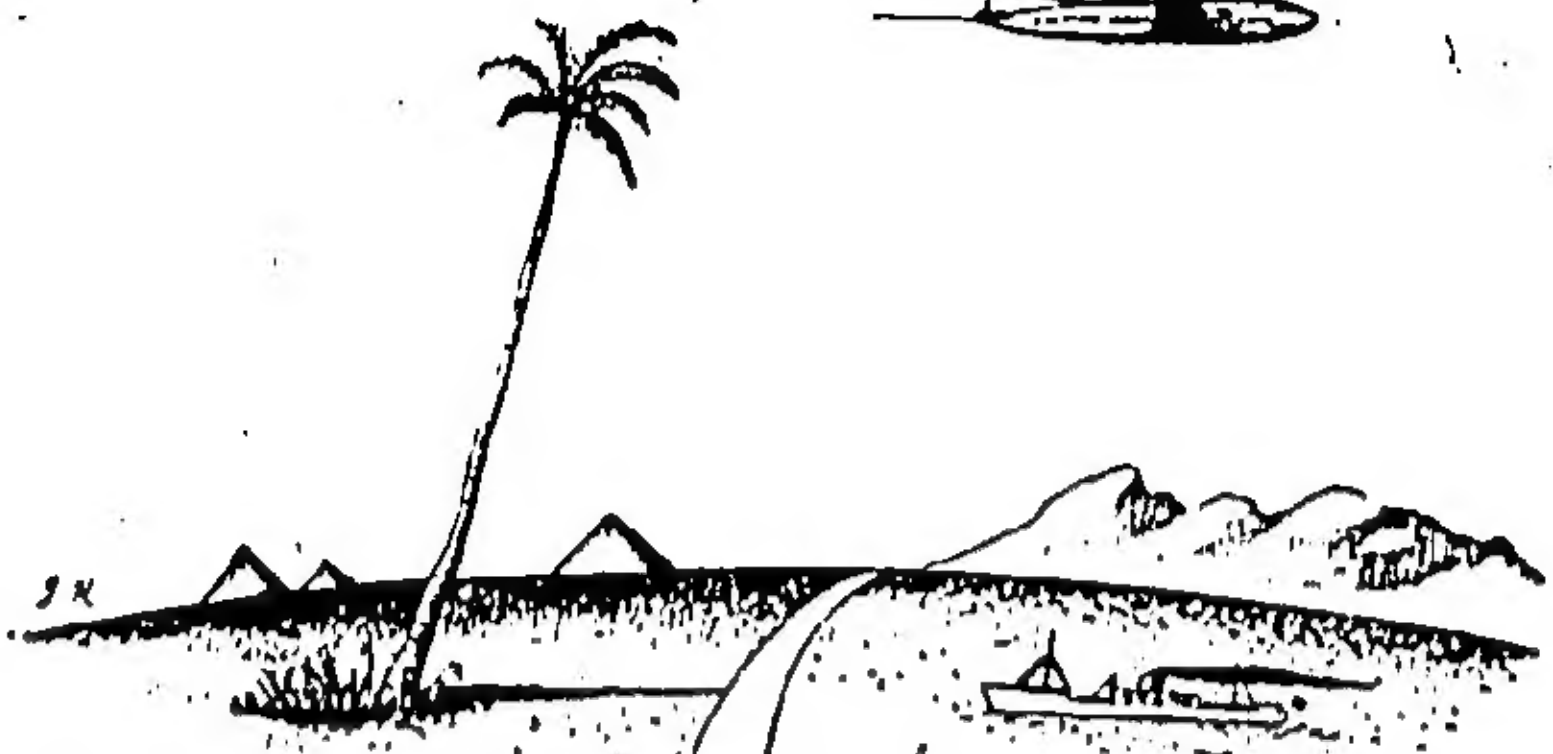
Tomorrow's Problem

S. A K Q 7 5
H. A J 10
D. None
C. A J 9 8 5
S. J 9 6 2
H. K 9 7 2
D. 10 7 5
C. K 6

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

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SHANGHAI STUDENT RIOT

Mayor K.C. Wu Manhandled At University

3,000 Police Round The Campus

Shanghai, Jan. 30.
This morning, police and Shanghai garrison officers were still "processing" students of the National Tung Chi University following the manhandling of Mayor K. C. Wu by five students yesterday afternoon.

Bloodshed was only avoided through the timely efforts of Mayor Wu, who, knocked down and pinned to the ground by several students, shouted to the police, and garrison men, coming to his rescue, not to open fire under any circumstances.

Twenty-two students have been taken into custody by the police while eight constables have suffered minor injuries when the

students stoned them. Twelve students were injured but not seriously.

Further arrests are expected before the "processing" is concluded.

Immediately after the attack, Mayor Wu, the Garrison Commander, Lieutenant General Hsuan Ti-wu, the Police Commissioner, Mr. Schober Yu, and the presidents of eight universities, conferred on ways and means of settling the incident amicably.

Earlier, the Mayor had laid down three points for the termination of the incident, firstly, the arrest of the 12 students whose dismissal had led students of the school to decide on a protest journey to Nanking; the cause of the entire incident; secondly, the students to resume classes today; thirdly, the students who attacked the Mayor to be handed over to police custody.

Throughout last night, police and garrison men combed the campus for students in the hunt for the five who had assaulted the Mayor.

Mayor Wu appeared at the university after 3,000 police and garrison men had surrounded the campus in order to prevent the students from staging a parade on their way to the North railway station.

When the Mayor approached the main gate, student delegates insisted that the Mayor order the mounted police and garrison troops guarding the entrance to withdraw to a distance of 50 paces from the gates.

The Mayor complied with this request. No sooner had the mounted constables moved back than the students began to pelt them with stones, causing the horses to rear up.

Thrown Off

Several constables were unseated from their mounts.

It was at this juncture that the Mayor interceded, but several students rushed up to him, knocked off his hat and spectacles, and attempted to punch him on his head and face.

The Mayor tried to defend himself but was floored by the weight of the five students who were assaulting him.

After Mayor Wu had ordered the police and the troops not to shoot, plainclothes men of the Police Bureau pulled him to safety.

Local civic leaders will call on the Mayor this morning to express their concern and sympathy over yesterday's incident.—Reuter.

ACCORD REACHED

Copenhagen, Jan. 29.
An agreement has been reached between Denmark and Britain for the exchange of Danish butter and bacon for British industrial goods, the Danish Foreign Ministry announced here tonight.—Reuter.

More Navy Craft For Scrapheap

London, Jan. 29.
Mr. Edwards, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, said in the House of Commons today that the cruisers Danae, Delhi, Caledon, Colombo and Kent were immediately available for scrapping.

The careers of the ships are: HMS Danae, 4,350 tons, built at the end of World War I and after good service in World War II was handed over in 1944 to the Polish Navy.

HMS Delhi, 4,350 tons, completed in 1919 and denied 203 air attacks during the long period of her distinguished service in the Mediterranean.

HMS Colombo, 4,200 tons, completed in 1918. Laid up since the war during which she saw considerable active service in the Mediterranean.

HMS Kent, completed in 1928 as one of the first units of 10,000 tons County Class cruisers. She was one of the force that sank 10 of the 11 Nazi vessels in a convoy off Skagerrak.

HMS Caledon, 4,100 tons, completed in 1917. The oldest cruiser on the Royal Navy's effective strength. Retired in 1926-27.

Last Wednesday it was announced that four battleships, Queen Elizabeth, Nelson, Rodney and Valiant and a battlecruiser, Renown, would be scrapped.—Reuter.

President Truman Defied

Washington, Jan. 29.
In defiance of the Administration, the House of Representatives opened its debate today on the Republican-sponsored bill to cut United States taxes by \$6,500 million yearly which is almost as much as the cost of the Marshall Plan's first 15 months.

Many unbiased experts here belittled the Republican bill would free another surge of "big money" spending power and thereby add impetus to an already dangerous inflationary spiral.

In any case, President Truman's own plan to cut taxes for the individual taxpayer, but making up the loss of revenue by increasing the demands on big business, is being ignored.

He made it clear that he would veto the Republican tax reduction bill if it reaches his desk in its present form.—Reuter.

Gipsy Girl's Fortune

London, Jan. 29.
Fifty years ago a 14-year-old gipsy girl was found near a circus tent and was adopted by the proprietor who later made provision for her in his will.

That and little else is known about Miss Elizabeth Middleton, who for 25 years lived alone in a neat red-brick house in Herne Hill, London.

Miss Middleton died last March leaving more than £29,500—but no will.

The Probate Court has granted letters of administration to a Treasury solicitor because no relatives could be traced.—Reuter.

Washington, Jan. 29.
John S. Leach, aged 79, former public printer of the United States and organizer of the Government printing office in the Philippines, died today.—Associated Press.

Without Russia

London, Jan. 29.
Britain must demonstrate "if absolutely necessary" that she can get along in 1948 without Soviet Russia, Lord Vansittart, former chief diplomatic adviser to the Government, declared here today.

Lord Vansittart, who was addressing the London Chamber of Commerce, called for a United States of Western Europe, which, he said, was 50 years overdue. "We can dismiss for a generation any idea of a United States of Europe," —Reuter.

New Policy In Germany

Frankfurt, Jan. 29.
General Lucius Clay, United States Military Governor in Germany, said today that April 1 had been set as the "final target" for the initiation of all phases of the new bi-zonal administration, whose headquarters are in Frankfurt.

Addressing his regular monthly press conference, General Clay said, although he had not yet received the recommendation of yesterday's meeting of the German Minister Presidents, he hoped it would be "only a few more days before an establishing decree could be published." —Reuter.

Seeking Arms In Czechoslovakia

Prague, Jan. 29.
Private firms abroad representing Czech nationalised armament makers such as the Skoda Works, have "sounded" the possibility of placing orders for the Near East, a Czech Foreign Office spokesman disclosed here today.

No contract has so far been made or arms delivered, he added.

Egypt recently negotiated on the subject but the result of the negotiations is still awaited.—Reuter.

UNO ASSEMBLY

London, Jan. 29.
Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who has been visiting Europe to try to find a suitable site for this year's meeting of the General Assembly, disclosed here tonight that his search had narrowed down to Geneva, Paris, Brussels and The Hague. These names will be placed before a committee of the United Nations when he returns to the United States.—Reuter.

TYPHOON TOLL

Paris, Jan. 29.
A typhoon which hit Reunion Island on Monday night killed more than 100 persons.

Property damage was estimated at more than 1,000,000,000 Francs. Almost all Reunion's sugar plantations were affected.

Reunion Island lies in the Indian Ocean west of Madagascar.—Associated Press.

Tories Gain Lab. Seat

Glasgow, Jan. 29.
The Conservatives by winning the Cam-lachie Glasgow by-election today gained their first seat from Labour since the general election in July, 1945.

The result was Mr. Charles McFarlane, Conservative, 11,085; Mr. John Inglis, Labour, 10,690. Miss Annie Maxton, I.L.P., 1,622. Mr. R. Wilkie, Independent Scottish National, 1,320. Mr. Guy Aldred, Independent Socialist, 345. Mr. R. Goodfellow, Liberal, 312.

The Conservative majority was 393. Miss Maxton, Wilkie, Aldred and Goodfellow lost deposits.

The by-election was caused by the death of Reverend Campbell Stephens who was returned as an I.L.P. member at the general election and joined the Labour Party shortly before his death.

The figures at the general election were: Reverend Campbell Stephens, 15,985; Mr. C. McFarlane, 11,399. The I.L.P. majority was 4,159.—Reuter.

De Valera's Platform

Sligo, Eire, Jan. 30.
Prime Minister Eamon de Valera said today that he would press for the union of Eire and Northern Ireland if his Government won next month's election. Mr. de Valera, in a political speech, said his plans for dealing with the Northern Ireland question were already made. The Union was the only remaining matter of contention between Britain and Eire, he added.

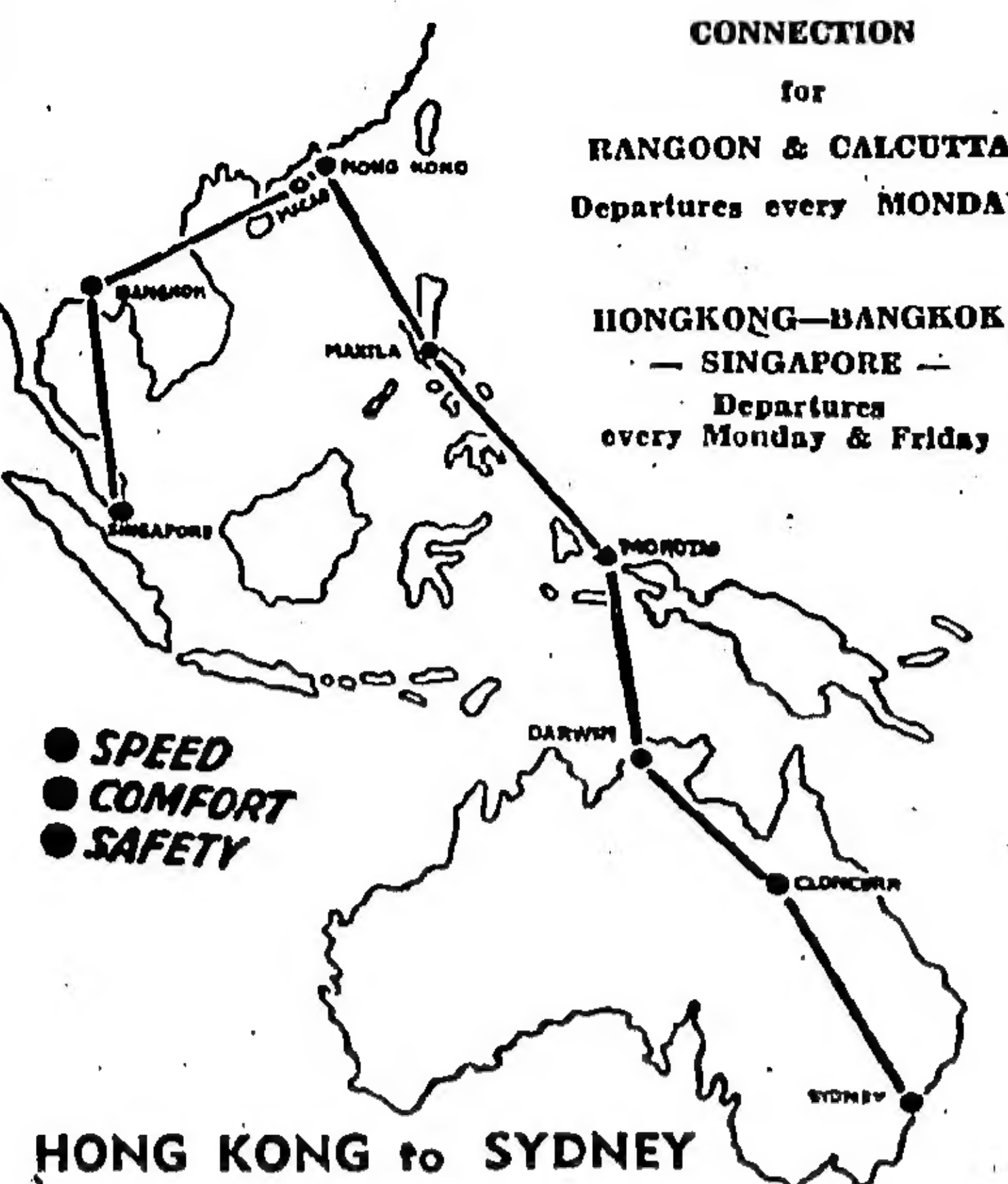
"I promise that the pressure of public opinion of the Irish race, not in Ireland alone, but throughout the world, will be concentrated on this question," he said.—Associated Press.

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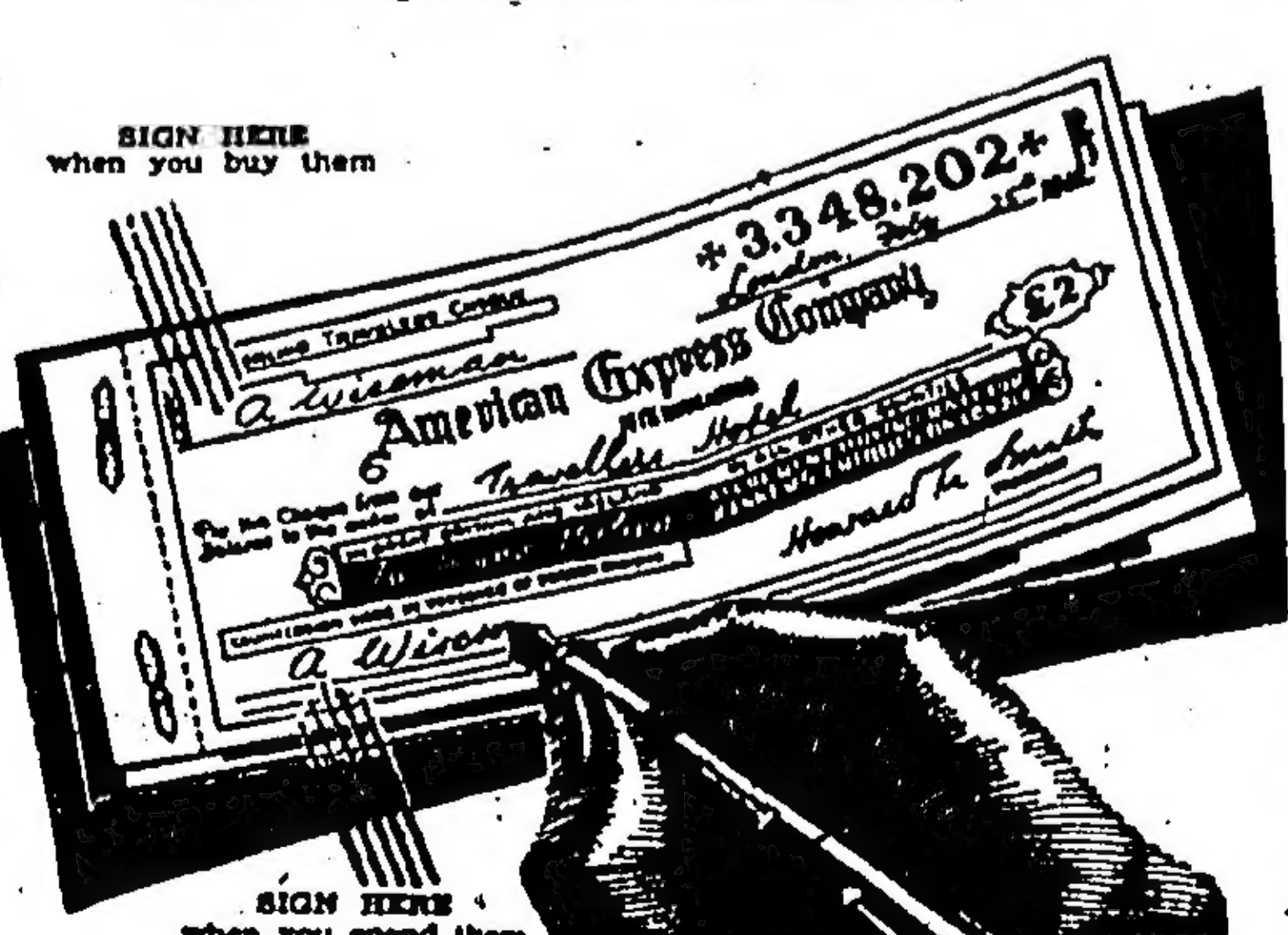
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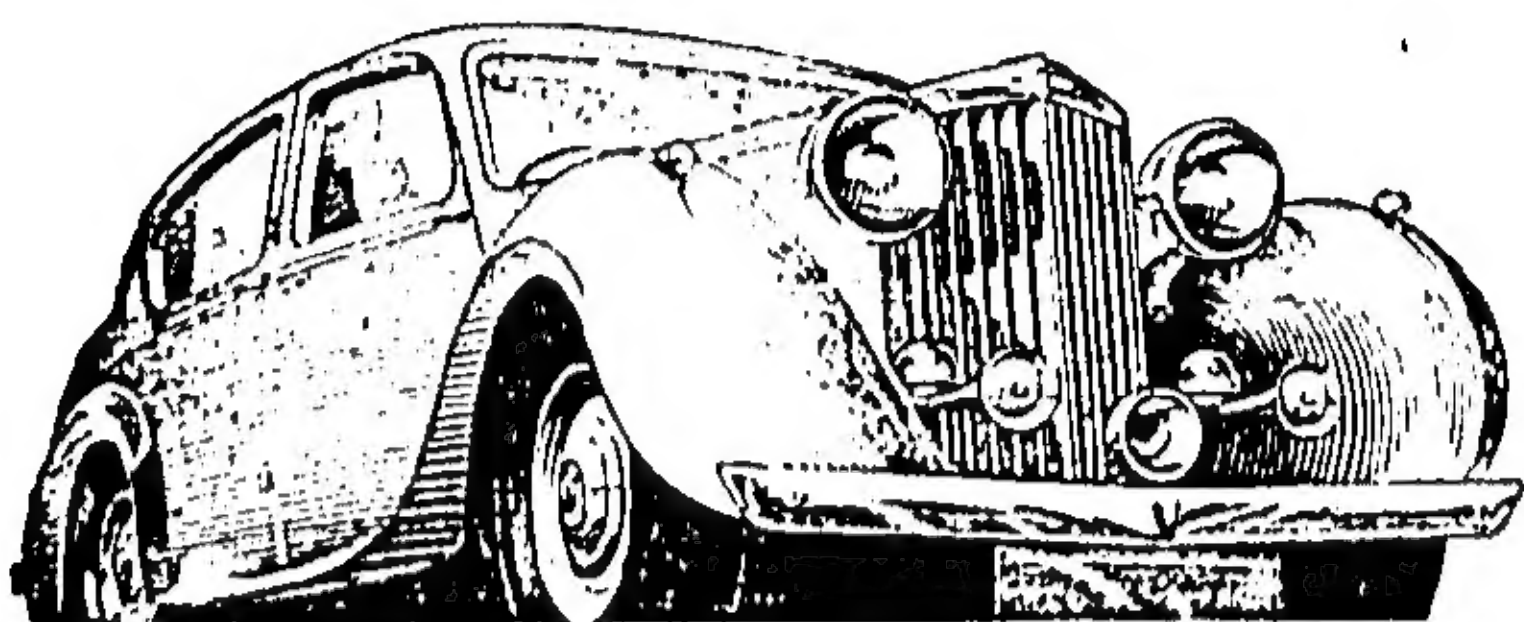


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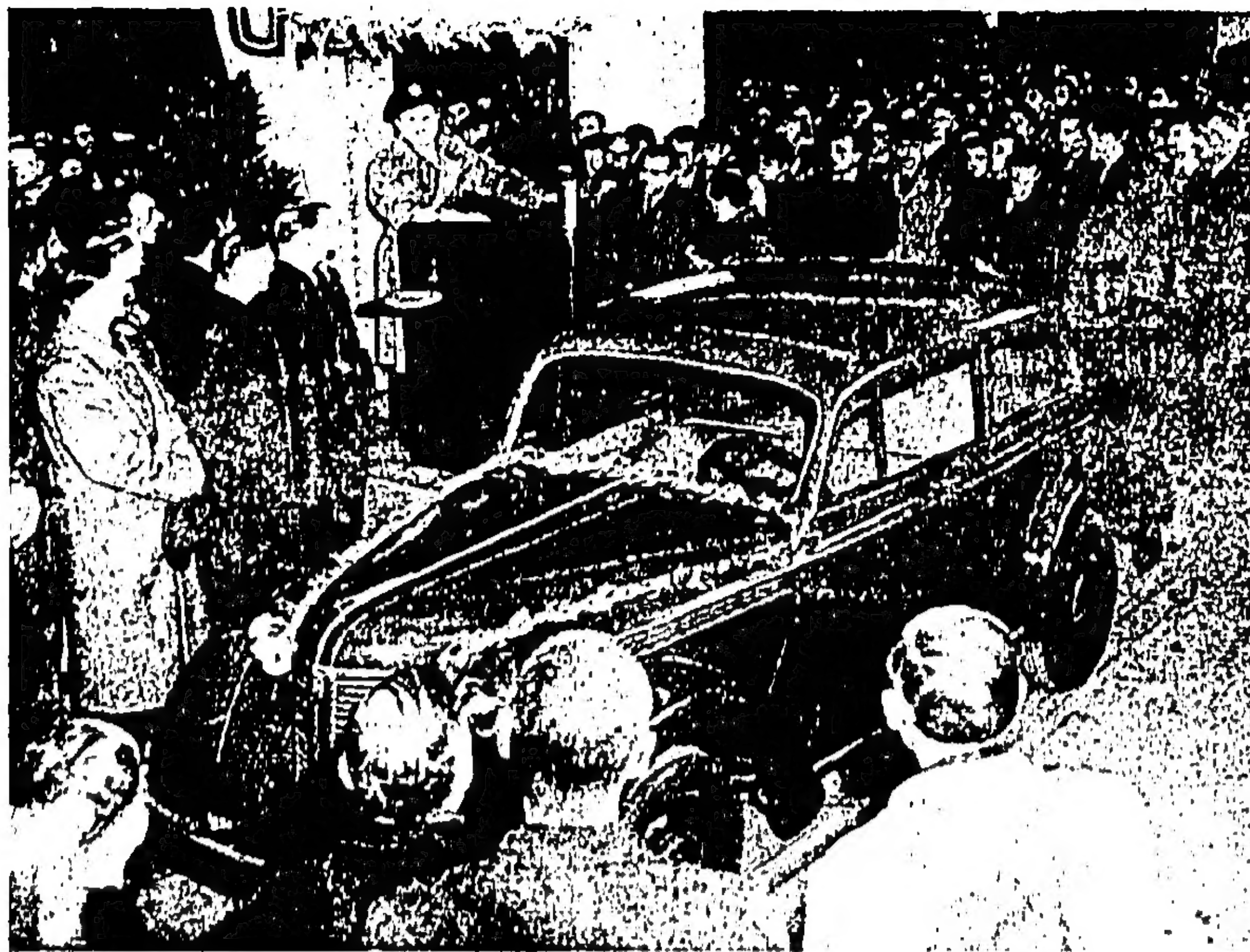
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MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

FIRST OFF THE LINE



The first post-war passenger car of Germany's General Motors-owned Opel plant at Russelsheim in U.S. occupied Germany is seen after it came off the assembly line. The car, a four-seater Sedan known as the "Olympia," has a four-cylinder engine and is capable of speeds up to 70 mile per hour. The present production rate of 500 per month will be stepped up to 1,000 per month in 1948.

U.S. Going In For Homes On Wheels

American trailer makers staged their annual show with the theme of "Homes on wheels" for house-hungry Americans who live on wheels.

Pink and blue nurseries, convertible sun porches, complete and spacious bathroom, a 20-foot living room and even a fireplace were offered by the Trailer Coach Manufacturers' Association, Chicago, sponsor of the rolling home exhibition held for the first time in the east.

New features of the 1948 trailer models included improved interiors, more luxurious appointments, more window space, and greater range in prices and styles.

In the words of association president Harold D. Platt, the U.S. "appealing just to the gypsy in people but also to their demand for all the comforts of a stationary home while on wheels."

A half-million dollars worth of trailers are on display. They range in size from 15 feet to 33 feet in length, the smaller trailers being loaned for the hunting and fishing trade.

One of the models, called the Nimrod, will sell for U.S.\$3,500; it is a 20-foot trailer designed for summer vacations or hunters. It sleeps three comfortably in its 14-foot length. Other smaller models are priced at about \$1,000. The more luxurious will retail for up to \$10,000.

Twin Beds

Introduced at this year's show was a new development of interchangeable parts. The interior of the trailer can be assembled with a placeable parts. If a panel is damaged, a new

one can be supplied by return mail, and if Mrs. Trailer Owner decides she's tired of a two-toned mahogany finish and wants bird's-eye maple, the switch-over can be done in a half-hour.

One of the new coaches being introduced on a trial balloon basis, features three banks of windows in the living room, giving a panoramic view.

Twin-beds, full-length mirrors, increased clothes and storage space, built-in bookcases, Murphy beds and still showers were also in common use in the 1948 models—United Press.

NO LESSENING OF DEMAND

Passenger automobiles in the low and middle price brackets are going to be hard to get through all of 1948 year even if the U.S. automobile industry's hope for a 10 to 15 per cent production increase is realized, says an AP message from Detroit.

"This is indicated by the current order sheets that show no lessening of the demand that has been building since production resumed nearly two and one-half years ago. There is also a large accumulation of orders for vehicles in the higher price class but the demand in this bracket is reported to be leveling off."

Generally most of the car makers have sufficient orders on hand to absorb all the output they can expect for from 18 months to two years. Meanwhile the periodical 10-day surveys of the merchandising outlets show little indication that supply and demand can be balanced at any time in 1948.

In normal times the coming of winter cuts sharply into new car demand over most of the country. This time, probably because of the long wait between the placing of an order and actual delivery of a new car, seasonal influences have been almost wholly lacking.

The industry's hopes for increased output next year are based on the expectation that more sheet steel producing equipment will be in operation in running up a postwar production mark a week ago of 84,215 passenger cars and 24,536 trucks, the factories dug deeply into their stocks of sheet metal.

Most industry observers doubt the assembly lines will top that figure for many weeks to come, although the car makers right now are exerting efforts in every direction to insure increased supplies of steel next year—Associated Press.

Czechoslovak cars have a remarkably high standard of finish, reported a party of British motor traders on their return from a visit to the Prague International Motor Show. They visited the Jawa works and the Skoda works at Boleslav.

Production and experimental work will be continued by Rolls-Royce at Bonksfield Shed, Barnoldswick. During the war, important developments in jet-turbine engines were carried out at this factory, which was taken over by Rolls-Royce and was formerly one of the largest cotton weaving sheds in Britain.

Problem Of Headlight Glare

The following editorial, from a recent issue of the "Christian Science Monitor," is not without its point for Hong Kong.

If motorists demand it, the candle-power of automobile headlights can be increased. The beam can be raised to a more useful level, and at the same time all glare that now blinds the driver of an oncoming vehicle can be eliminated.

More than half a million dollars and ten years of research have gone into solution of the various engineering problems involved, and "the rest is up to the public and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators," say spokesmen for the automobile industry.

The proposed system involves use of a polarizing screen in the headlights and a cross-polarizing visor between the windshield and the driver's eyes. Both elements are necessary to eliminate glare.

But while the results are phenomenally successful, as those who witnessed recent demonstrations at the General Motors Proving Grounds can attest, the Automobile Manufacturers Association has recommended against adoption of polarized headlighting "at this time."

Reasons given were (1) \$30 to \$40 will be added to the cost of new cars; (2) confusion is anticipated during the conversion period, when some cars will be fully equipped and others partially or not at all; (3) the glare problem on the highways isn't really as important as is generally believed.

Reduced Hazard

But regardless of whether or not statistics are available on the number of accidents caused by glare, many motorists feel that reduced hazard goes with reduced annoyance. No change is possible, anyway, on new cars before 1951, say automobile engineers; hence it would seem the longer the delay the greater will be the problems of transition with more and more new cars on the road.

For the time being glareless headlights will join the long list of automobile engineering advances predicted for postwar years—still on the shelf. Perhaps when salesmanship is again needed to sell cars, worth-while changes will be incorporated from time to time, not just more chromium and differently styled bodies.

War-disabled men in Britain seeking allowances of petrol for their motor-driven chairs have been advised by the British Legion that they may obtain assistance from the Ministry of Pensions in providing the necessary evidence of disablement.

Changes At Nuffield's

Following the resignation of Sir Miles Thomas from the Nuffield Organisation, Lord Nuffield has announced the appointment of Mr. R. F. Hanks as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Hanks was previously Managing Director of Nuffield Exports Ltd., and accompanied Lord Nuffield on his latest tour of the Dominions, from which he returned last June.

Mr. Hanks was a premium apprentice at the G.W.R. Locomotive Works Swindon, served with the R.A.S.C., and joined the Morris Service Department at the end of 1922. He became Assistant Service Manager in 1929, Chief Inspector at the Car Branch in 1936 and Product Manager two years later. He was appointed Manager of the R.A.F. Civilian Repair Organisation in 1940, and from 1941 to 1945 was General Manager of Nuffield Mechanicals Ltd., first in Birmingham and then in Coventry, joining Nuffield Exports Ltd. in 1945.

Mr. C. E. Aldridge has been appointed General Manager of Nuffield Exports Ltd. to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. R. F. Hanks as Vice-Chairman of the Nuffield Organisation.

His place as General Sales Manager has been taken by Mr. D. Harris, previously Sales Promotion Manager, who has recently returned from a three months' tour of the American Continent. Before he joined Morris Industries Exports Ltd., in 1934, Mr. Harris had been engaged overseas for many years on behalf of the Nuffield Organisation.

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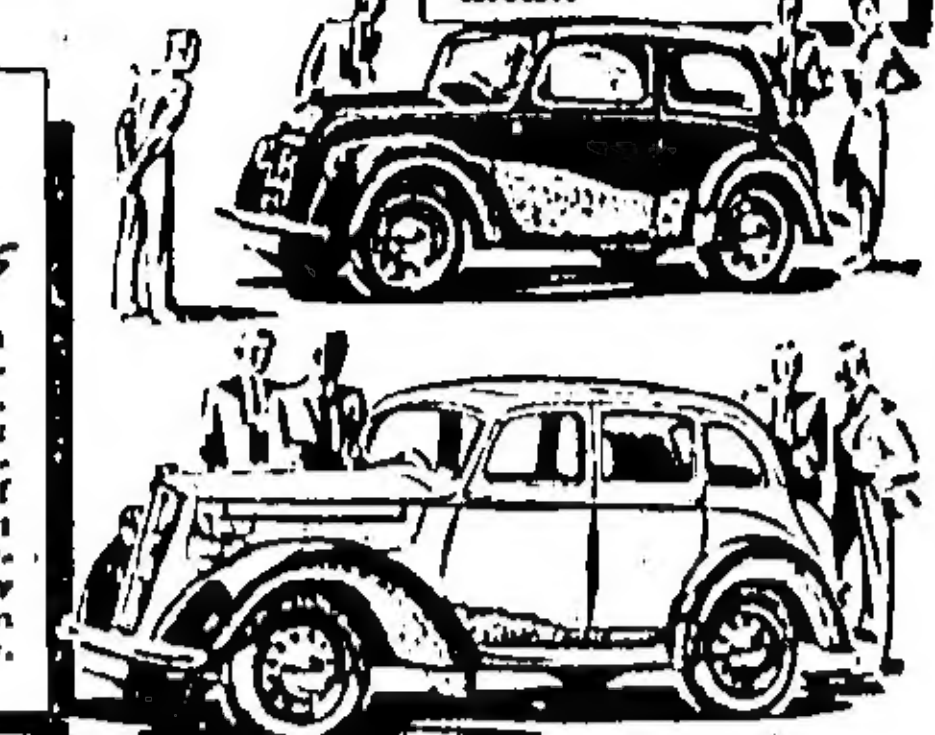
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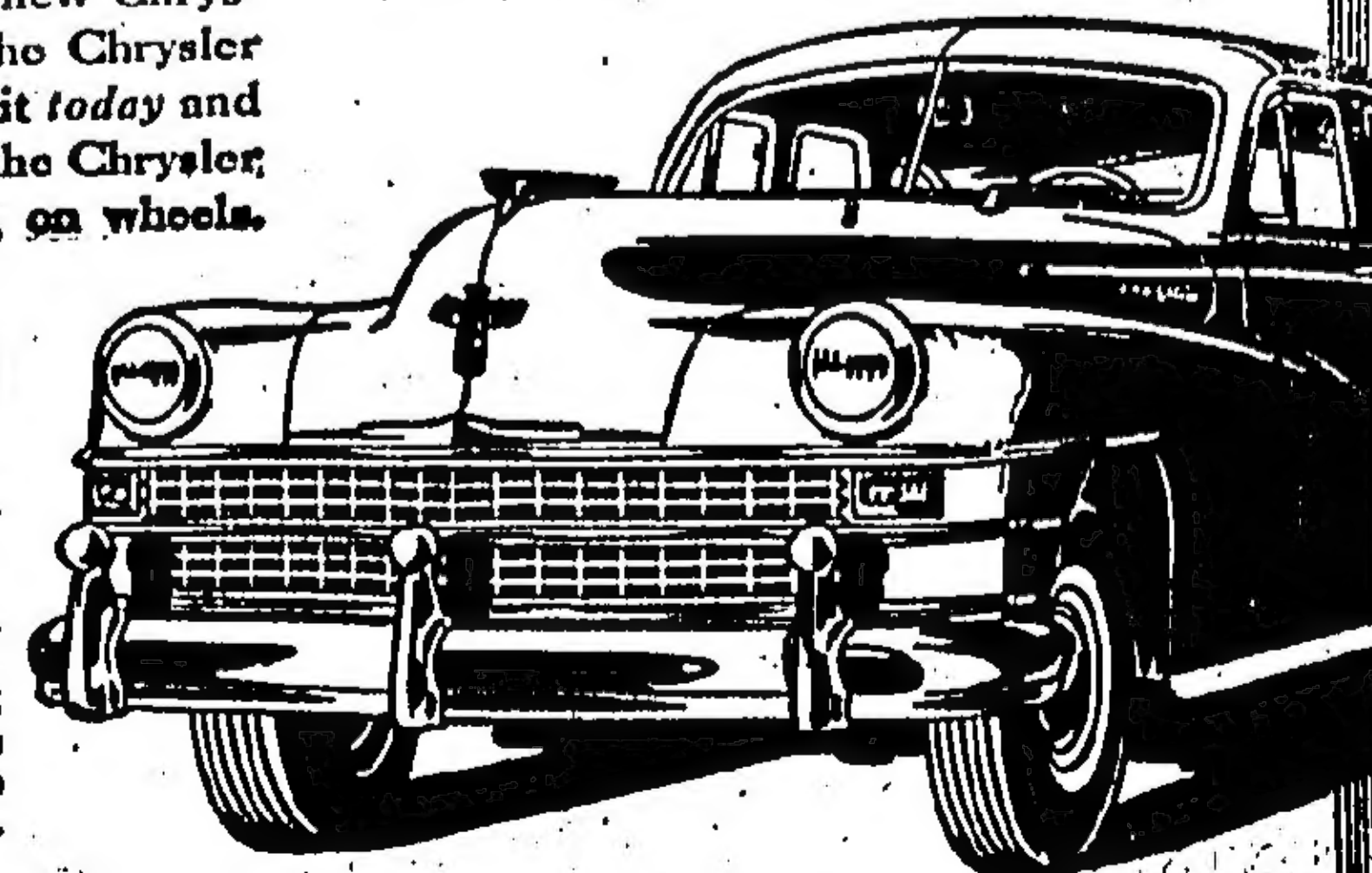
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Jewish Refugee Bayonnetted By American

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Stuttgart, Jan. 29.
A Jewish displaced person died today as a result of being bayonnetted by American troops when he resisted arrest during the search of a Jewish displaced persons camp at Roldenheim, near Stuttgart.

The United States Army headquarters said tonight the dead man was bayonnetted after he had hit a guard and attempted to escape.

Army sources reported they had found one dead, one injured, equipment, ammunition, United States dollars and a captured camp within the camp. The bodies also recovered.

Belgian Plan For Kashmir

Brussels, Jan. 29.
Belgium today proposed a United Nations plan for the resolution of the Kashmir dispute, which was adopted by the United States, Britain, France, China, Canada and Syria.

As President of the United Nations Security Council, the Belgian delegate, Mr. Fernand Van Daele, said that the plan was a "new and original" proposal for the resolution of the Kashmir dispute, which was adopted by the United States, Britain, France, China, Canada and Syria.

The Security Council would be asked to consider the plan, which was adopted by the United States, Britain, France, China, Canada and Syria. The plan was a "new and original" proposal for the resolution of the Kashmir dispute, which was adopted by the United States, Britain, France, China, Canada and Syria.

Gang Of 150 Hold Up A Train

Tokyo, Jan. 29.
While the greatest police manhunt in the history of Japanese crime continued yesterday for the murderer who killed 12 bank employees by poison, 150 bandits held up a train at pistol point, robbing 2,000 passengers of hundreds of thousands of yen.

The robbery, the largest Japanese train hold-up in recent years, occurred in Miyagi prefecture, about 100 miles north of Tokyo, at 6.21 a.m. yesterday. The bandits boarded the train at various points, and when all assembled, proceeded to hold up the passengers.

The police believe that the gang consists mostly of teen-age bandits led by a 28-year-old man.

The passengers said that there were about 20 girls among the bandits, as well as middle school boys.

Medical Ghoul

The police are also confronted with another crime the case of a medical ghoul.

A crematory employee peeped into a cremating chamber, during the disposal of the body of a 33-year-old unemployed Japanese man, because of the poor quality of the fuel, and was horrified to see two additional infant bodies.

He quickly drew out the three bodies and found that the infants' bodies had been placed in the man's stomach after a post-mortem.

MOVIE BAN

Buenos Aires, Jan. 29.
Theatre sources reported today that foreign movies have been banned from Argentina.

The ban was ordered after the Argentine Motion Picture Producers' Association complained that Spain had excluded Argentine pictures, and France and Italy had made lesser restrictions.—Associated Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Whisk was still hoping that Snow the Crow would arrive in time to save him when he stumbled at the edge of the lake. With a last fierce attack Roger threw Whisk into the water.



"Now you are where you once put me," croaked the triumphant Roger. But Whisk did not hear him. There had been a great splash and now Whisk was sinking to the bottom of the lake.

Clickety Click

Southend, Jan. 29.
As she moves around her upstairs flat in Rutland Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Miss Peggy Inch-White's heels go tap, tap, tap.
This tapping has lost her the tenancy of the flat.
"It is a most annoying sound in an upstairs room, especially if they are high heels," Judge Andrews said at the Southend County Court. "Miss Inch-White must leave her flat in three months."—Reuter.

Manila Kidnapping

Shanghai, Jan. 30.
The trial of Manuel Su, a 35-year-old Filipino, charged with implication in the kidnapping of the Manila magnate, Mr. Li An-tai, in the Philippines capital on December 8, 1946, was resumed at the District Court yesterday.
In spite of the official documents submitted by the defence counsel stating that, on a motion of the Manila City First the dismissal of the charges against Manuel Su had been sanctioned by the Manila Court of First Instance, the accused was ordered to be detained after questioning.

Jewish Militia Plan Contemplated

Lake Success, Jan. 29.
The United Nations Palestine Commission agreed last night to help organise immediately a Jewish-controlled militia in the Holy Land.

The five nation body decided to accept an offer of the Jewish Agency to take the lead in forming such a force. It would back up the UN partition plan. The Commission agreed also that it would cooperate with Palestine Arabs if they offered to set up a militia in the proposed new Arab country.

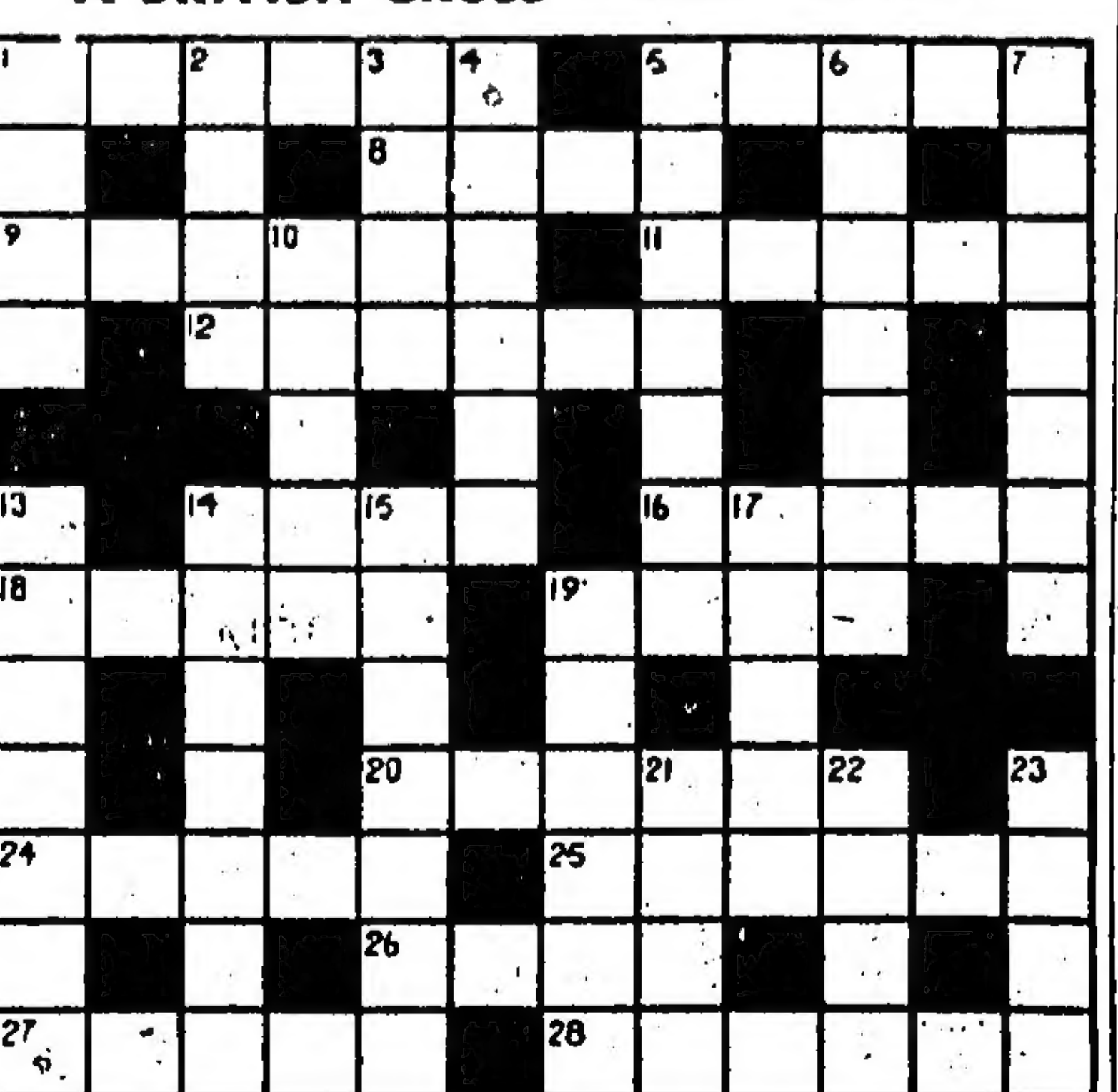
Senator Vicente J. Francisco, Philippines delegate, was directed to begin negotiations at once with the British authorities on problems connected with organising the militia. Associated Press.

South Africa Marks Time

Johannesburg, Jan. 29.
No action has yet been taken by the South African Government against the 15 Natal Indians who illegally crossed the border into Transvaal during the last weekend.
The Indians, who travelled by train, were welcomed by thousands of their comrades when they arrived to pitch tents at an open space in the Johannesburg suburb of Fordsburg.

Two policemen had watched without interfering as they crossed the provincial border at Volksrust. The Indians have already reported to the Transvaal Immigration Officer that they are in the province without permits.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Want.
- Deduce.
- Knee.
- Devote.
- Weeds.
- Distant.
- Stronghold.
- Score.
- Solitary.
- Fissure.
- Diminish.
- Diver.
- Quoting.
- Strangler.
- Subject.
- Comes in.

Clues Down

- Sleep fitfully.
- Wave.
- Space.
- Obtain by threat.
- Hecic.
- Inflame.
- Dwell.
- Fruit.
- Brave.
- Wave.
- Full.
- Creek.
- Save.
- Symbol.
- Pleasant.
- Investigate.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Unfit, 2 Polka, 3 Ralfe, 4 Elan, 5 Sachet, 7 Tiles, 9 Propose, 11 Scraps, 13 Eminent, 15 Race, 16 Needed, 18 Dean, 20 Emerge, 21 Harass, 24 Atoll, 25 Owllet, 26 Sidle, 28 Lyre.

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Liaoning 'Corridor' Falls To Reds

Nanking, Jan. 30. With the Communist capture of Sinitun the Nationalists have lost control over the Peiping-Mukden rail line, the last remaining artery of Manchuria and the overland supply of isolated points was made impossible, informed sources here told Reuter-AAP tonight.

The 20-day fierce battle for Sinitun, they said, marked the conclusion of the struggle for the vital Liaoning corridor which President Chiang Kai-shek ordered early in the month "must be defended at all costs."

New Iraq Cabinet

Baghdad, Jan. 29. Mohammed Ali al-Khalaf, former President of the Senate, announced today the formation of a new Iraqi Cabinet.

The new Cabinet, which will be sworn in tomorrow, is headed by al-Khalaf as Prime Minister. It includes several prominent figures from the opposition and the military.

The formation of this new Cabinet is seen as a significant step towards political stability in Iraq.

MARGATE RESCUE DRAMA

Margate, Jan. 29. A dramatic rescue operation was carried out today at Margate, where a small boat carrying several people was found in distress.

Russia Wants All Bombs Destroyed

Lake Success, Jan. 29. Russia today made it clear to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission that it wanted all existing atomic bombs destroyed and bomb production halted before going ahead with plans for international atomic control machinery.

Mr. Andrei Gromyko (Soviet Russia) said that Russia viewed an international convention on prohibition of atomic weapons as the "first step" toward effective world control of atomic energy.

He said such a convention would have to be signed, ratified and put into effect before the United Nations could proceed with an agreement on international control and inspection of atomic facilities.

There has been belief in some quarters that Russia might agree to simultaneous application of two treaties.

Dr. Wei, Chinese representative to the Atomic Energy Working Committee, asked Mr. Gromyko whether it would be any assurance of a second agreement on international control if the Committee majority agreed first to prohibit atomic weapons. Mr. Gromyko replied that absolute guarantees could not be given in connection with

any international convention; he said a control convention could have to be worked out after the prohibition convention became effective.

Dr. Wei recalled the Chinese suggestion that while separate conventions would be concluded, their enforcement would be coordinated. —United Press.

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TEA EXPORTS DECLINE

Shanghai, Jan. 30. The export of tea in December totalled 3,514 quintals, which was one-third of the November exports. The decrease was caused by lowered stocks and the reluctance of holders to sell.

Green tea was exported at 32 cents (U.S.) per quintal and black tea 40 cents. —United Press.

Weights In Grand National

London, Jan. 29. The weights for the Grand National, to be run at Aintree on Saturday, March 20, were announced today as follows:

Prince Regent, Gama, Antelope, 12 stones two pounds; Happy Home, 11 stones 10 pounds; Klaxton, Rowland, Roy, 11 stones eight pounds; Red April, Romp, Cad, 11 stones six pounds; Silverline, Revelry, 11 stones six pounds; Halycon, 11 stones five pounds; Lovely Cottage, Cottage Rake, 11 stones four pounds; Four Cranes, 11 stones three pounds; Battling Peasants, Reamont, 11 stones two pounds; Crows, 11 stones two pounds; King, 11 stones one pound; Brighter, Sandy, 11 stones one pound; Clonachan, 11 stones one pound; Killarney, 11 stones one pound; Edward, 11 stones one pound; Weevil, Prince, Blackthorn, 11 stones one pound; Royal Cottage, 11 stones one pound; Russia, 11 stones one pound; Buntington, 11 stones one pound; Lyndal Mount, 11 stones one pound; Lyndal Mount, 11 stones one pound; Lyndal Mount, 11 stones one pound.

The remainder are weighted 10 stones one pound: Tunderman, Ducky Chimes, Offaly, Prince Skouras, Good Date, Prattle, Porthenon, Soda II, Highland Chieftain, Flying Pal, Brickbat, Sen Toi, Inchmore, Maltese Wanderer, Arranbeg, Copper Hill, Highland Lad, Bournabreena, Tommy Traddles, Day Dreams, Some Chicken, Scrimptoun, Boras Cottage, Double Sam, Revealed, Wicklow Wolf. —Reuter.

No Trace Of Missing Dakota

Frankfurt, Jan. 29. No trace of the American women and five children aboard, missing since Tuesday on a flight near Marseille to Ugent, Italy, had been found by tonight.

United States Air Force headquarters, announcing this, stated that rescue teams in the area between Marseille and Ugent were taking part in the search, aided by Superfortresses.

The aircraft carried a crew of four.

A Reuter report from Rome stated the plane was last reported 40 miles from Pisa, on the Italian West coast, about half way between Marsellies and Ugent, and was forced back by bad weather. —Reuter.

LORD CARNARVON ROBBED

Newbury, Jan. 29. Burglars broke into Highclere Castle, the residence of the Earl of Carnarvon, and got away with 20 family miniatures valued at £400 and £60 in cash.

Lord Carnarvon is in the United States. —Reuter.

NAZI HANGINGS

Hannover, Jan. 29. Albert Pieppert, the British public hangman, today supervised the execution here of five Nazi guards, and will carry out a further series of hangings tomorrow.

Among those on his list are 14 guards sentenced for killing 12 Allied airmen after a mass escape from Stalag Luft III during the war. Pieppert has come specially to Germany to hang these men. In all there will be 21 executions. —Reuter.

Today's Rugger:

Interport Team Meet Services

(By "Crums")
Today's Rugger match at 4 o'clock on the Army Ground is between the Club Interport XV (who leave for Shanghai next Saturday) and the United Services.

The Army have made the soccer pitch available for this match and the stands should be well filled for what should prove to be a really thrilling game. Club, defeated only once so far this season, will be all out to maintain this record, but will find sterner opposition than they did last week for not only have the Services strengthened their side through changes, but also their combination will have improved after last week's practice. Their backs, especially, are very strong in attack and Henderson, who has a very dangerous pair of centres who are always looking for an opening and who also tried the reverse pass, so seldom seen in Hong Kong, with considerable success last week, backed up by Rowbotham and De Rome, probably the two fastest wing men in the Colony today and Pantano, a newcomer with a big reputation, at scrum half, it looks as if the Club defence will be severely tested.

Better Forwards
Club though should have the advantage at forward, McWhirter is a hooker without equal in Hongkong football and Carrell, Godfrey and Taylor will ensure that the Club get their share of the ball from the line-outs, though Ernie and Judgeish have shown of late that these three cannot have things all their own way. Provided the game is not spoilt by over-enthusiasm, today's should be the best game seen in the Colony since the re-occupation. Lt. Commander Allen is the referee and the kick off 4.00.

The following are the selected teams:
UNITED SERVICES. Mathison (Navy); Robotham (Navy); Henderson (Army); Lloyd (Navy); De Rome (Army); Penrose (Army); Pantano (R.A.F.); MacGregor (Army); Doherty (Army); Wingard (Navy); Judgeish (Navy); Hart (Navy); Stevens (Army); Erner (Navy); Woolough (Army).

CLUB. Ingham; Strachan; Cessall; Forgal; Morgan; Henderson; C. Cleary; McEllan; McWhirter; Carrell; Bowman; Brown; Godfrey; Taylor; Oliver.

FANLING STARTING TIMES

SUNDAY
9.32 G.G.D. Carter—E.T. McMillan
9.44 E. Groves—M.C. Elliott
9.48 E.R. Mackay—W.G. Robertson
9.52 J.B. Mackie—J. Fenwick
9.56 N.A. Brown—M.B. Tigher
10.00 Mahidin—Harrison—Shewman—Armstrong
10.04 Stoker—Boydell—Davies—Jackson
10.08 R.P. Moodie—R.G. Gray
10.12 G.O.W. Stewart—J. Fenwick
10.16 S. Marsh—J. Hadland
10.20 H.R. Cleland—T.D. Drysdale

Winter Games At St. Moritz

Nearly one thousand athletes from 28 nations will go into a 10-day battle for the Olympic honours in this world famous winter sports centre after M. Enrico Cello, President of the Swiss Confederation, declares the Winter Olympic Games open at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

With the exception of Soviet Russia, who has contented herself with sending observers, every major nation which takes part in winter sports will engage in the 20 events of the first Winter Olympiad—and, indeed, the first major international event—for 12 years.

Celebrities from all walks of life and winter sports enthusiasts by the thousands have arrived at this attractive snow-clad town for the events.

The 28 countries represented in the Games are: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Korea, Denmark, Spain, the United States, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Switzerland, who last staged an Olympiad in St. Moritz 20 years ago, has entered a strong team in every event, as have the United States.

The battle for the premier honours appears to rest between these two nations, while a strong challenge is expected from the Swedes.

The other nations which will make strong bids for the honours are Norway, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Italy and Hungary.

Great Britain, winners of the ice hockey championship in the last Winter Games, in 1936, are likely to find Czechoslovakia (the world champions), Switzerland and Canada, all too strong for them. —Reuter.

Benelux And Bevin Plan

Luxembourg, Jan. 29. Nine Belgian Cabinet Ministers led by the Premier, M. Paul Henri Spak, and five Dutch Ministers led by Baron Van Boetzelaer, Foreign Minister, were expected here today for talks on the Anglo-French offer to include Benelux in a Western alliance.

M. Joseph Bech, Luxembourg's Foreign Minister, said today the meeting would also consider a French offer to join the Benelux Customs Union.

The Western Union proposal was not on the official agenda, M. Bech said, but it would nevertheless be the highlight of the talks. —Reuter.

RUSSIAN ASSAULT ON POLICY IN JAPAN

BIGGINS HILL MYSTERY

London, Jan. 30. Firemen, the police, and the RAF, after a night-long search over a 1,000-square mile area in quest for a plane reported by hundreds of people to have crashed in flames near Biggins Hill.

The Biggins Hill airport received many calls from persons who said they saw a "four-engine plane burning in the sky."

The Air Ministry said it had no knowledge of a plane crashing or missing. —United Press.

Joe Louis In Top Form

Chicago, Jan. 30. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, administered a perfect boxing lesson to Bob Foxworth of East St. Louis, Illinois, in their one-sided four-round exhibition in the Coliseum last night. Louis easily won every round.

Foxworth, a contender for the world's light heavyweight title, was outwheeled 35 pounds. He appeared over-cautious and fearful of Louis' lethal punches.

It was Louis' first ring appearance since he won a split decision from Jersey Joe Walcott in New York last Dec. 5. He weighed 220 pounds, and tiny rolls of fat hung over the tops of his boxing trunks, but his timing was perfect and his blows powerful.

Louis promised to be in his best condition when he defends his title in New York's Yankee Stadium next June 23. —Associated Press.

South Africa Offers Mediation

Capetown, Jan. 29. The South African Government is studying means of holding a conference with Indian and Pakistan delegates to restore friendly relations between the two Dominions.

General Smuts said he was most anxious to create the right atmosphere for such a conference.

The deputation met the Prime Minister to discuss relations between the Union Government on the one hand and India and Pakistan on the other.

The meeting was originally to have been held on January 11, but was postponed at the last moment because of the death of Mr. A. K. Jeejeebhoy, chairman of the committee of the Natal Indian Organisation.

General Smuts accepted an offer of cooperation by the Indian deputation which undertook to send a delegation up to India to prepare talks between the Union and the two Dominions.

It is expected that delegates for the deputation to India and Pakistan will be selected at a national conference of Indian organisations to be held in Durban in about two weeks time. —Reuter.

New Plan For Peace Machinery

Lake Success, Jan. 30. Lebanon has proposed the creation of a new United Nations organ for friendly settlement of international disputes.

The plan for a permanent United Nations Committee of Conciliation, submitted to the Little Assembly, now in recess until Feb. 23, is the first reaction to the call for suggestions to perfect the UN peace machinery.

Under the Lebanese proposal, the committee would have nine members and would remain in permanent session. Nations would be selected for seats on the basis of equitable geographical distribution. —Associated Press.

Macarthur Plan For Buffer State

Washington, Jan. 30. Informed sources today said that the Soviet Union, convinced that the United States intends to build up Japan as a buffer against Communism in the Orient, planned to open an all-out assault on the United States occupation policy in Japan.

The beginning of this assault developed in the Far Eastern Commission which, however, at today's meeting dodged the issue by refusing to take a vote on specific Russian proposals.

Argentine Meat Deadlock

Buenos Aires, Jan. 29. Loadings of Argentine meat to Britain will be halted by the weekend unless the deadlock in the Anglo-Argentine trade talks in Buenos Aires ends before then.

It was understood from sources in close touch with the British trade mission today that the "last word" had been said on the price Argentina was asking for her meat and other products, and that negotiations were not likely to be resumed unless the prices were moderated.

The price question was stated to be the only one on which the negotiations threatened to break down. Existing export permits cover only the British ships Desvado and Colombia Star, both of which are now completing loading.

After administrative delays of several days all applications for permits for future shipments were returned to the packing plants last night by the Argentine National Meat Board. —Reuter.

Gerbrandy Back On The Air

The Hague, Jan. 29. Professor Pieter Gerbrandy, Premier of the Netherlands during the Dutch Government's wartime exile in London, and now chairman of the Right-wing "Unity of the Realm" committee, tonight broadcast an attack on the present Dutch Government for what he called its "cautious" policy in Indonesia.

"This concealment of the truth compares with the open manner in which the British Prime Minister during the war informed his people truthfully, even if he had had news," he said.

Professor Gerbrandy, who was broadcasting for the first time since he was banned over four months ago for insulting references to Hubertus Van Mook, declared that when the cease fire treaty between Indonesia and Holland was signed aboard the Rembe, "a decision was taken about our kingdom, its structure and its constitution, over your heads and without your knowledge." —Reuter.

Absentee Led To Bill's Defeat

Paris, Jan. 29. The absence of one member—a Moderate deputy—resulted in the technical rejection today by the French National Assembly's Finance Commission of the bill to withdraw 5,000 franc notes.

The Assembly was not bound by the commission's decision, it was pointed out. The commission had considered the bill in an advisory capacity.

The commission had accepted a Socialist amendment that no levy in favour of the State should be imposed on holders of the notes and that the Government decree laws should decide the manner of reimbursement.

Other clauses of the bill were adopted individually by the commission by 21 votes to 20.

It was then that the whole bill was brought before the commission for the vote.

The close vote in the commission was taken as a forecast of a heated discussion in the Assembly where the bill was to be treated as urgent.

The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, emphasised in the National Assembly tonight what he called the "exceptional gravity" of the bill to withdraw 5,000 franc notes. He gave the debate the character of a semi-official vote of confidence by saying that the future of the Government depended on its being approved. The session was suspended until 20.50 GMT.

Restitution
Most pay packets were made up of 5,000-franc notes and Frenchmen were today trying to estimate the personal effects of the notes' withdrawal.

Under the bill introduced in the Assembly the notes would cease to be legal tender from today and any transaction settled by the payment of these notes was null and void.

The opinion in French Parliamentary circles today was that holders of small quantities of the notes would receive full restitution. Holders of large quantities, it was thought, would receive partial restitution, with the balance turned compulsorily into the Government's anti-inflation loan now also under consideration. —Reuter.

STORM HAVOC

Pearl Harbour, Jan. 29. Pacific Fleet headquarters announced today that storms during the past three days on Majuro Atoll, in the Marshall Islands, destroyed Navy barracks, two family quarters and damaged all four causeways and other buildings. No casualties were reported. —Associated Press.